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MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Dominic'l Letters.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Septuaguesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter-Sunday.
1843	A	1	0	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1844	G F	2	11	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 7
1845	E	3	22	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	Mar. 23
1846	D	4	3	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1847	C	5	14	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1848	B A	6	25	Feb. 20	Mar. 8	Apr. 28
1849	G	7	6	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1850	F	8	17	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1851	E	9	28	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1852	D C	10	9	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 11
1853	B	11	20	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1854	A	12	1	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1855	G	13	12	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1856	F E	14	23	Jan. 30	Feb. 6	Mar. 23
1857	D	15	4	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1858	C	16	15	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1859	B	17	26	Feb. 20	Mar. 9	Apr. 24
1860	A G	18	7	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 8
1861	F	19	18	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1862	E	1	0	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1863	D	2	11	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5
1864	C B	3	22	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 27
1865	A	4	3	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1866	G	5	14	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Apr. 1
1867	F	6	25	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Apr. 21
1868	E D	7	6	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Apr. 12
1869	C	8	17	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28
1870	B	9	28	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Apr. 17

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Year of our Lord.	Ascension Day.	Whit-Sunday.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays aft'r Pentecost.	First Sunday of Advent
1843	May 25	June 4	June 11	25	Dec. 3
1844	May 16	May 26	June 2	26	Dec. 1
1845	May 1	May 11	May 18	28	Nov. 30
1846	May 21	May 31	June 7	25	Nov. 29
1847	May 13	May 23	May 30	26	Nov. 28
1848	June 1	June 11	June 18	24	Dec. 3
1849	May 17	May 27	June 3	26	Dec. 2
1850	May 9	May 19	May 26	27	Dec. 1
1851	May 29	June 8	June 15	24	Nov. 30
1852	May 20	May 30	June 6	21	Nov. 28
1853	May 5	May 15	May 22	27	Nov 27
1854	May 25	June 4	June 11	25	Dec 3
1855	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Nov. 2
1856	May 1	May 11	June 22	28	Nov. 30
1857	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1858	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1859	June 2	June 12	June 23	23	Nov. 27
1860	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1861	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1862	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1863	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1864	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1865	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1866	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1867	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1868	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1869	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1870	May 26	June 5	May 16	25	Nov. 27

TABLE OF FEASTS AND FASTS.

Holy Days on which there is a strict obligation to hear MASS, *and refrain from servile Works.*

ALL Sundays in the Year. The feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, 1st Jan. The Epiphany, 6th Jan. The Annunciation, 25th March. Ascension of our Lord. Corpus Christi. Assumption of B. V. M. 15th August. Feast of all Saints, 1st November. Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, 25th December.

The Obligation is taken away on all other Days, by a Decree of Pope Pius VI., March 29, 1778.

FASTING DAYS ON ONE MEAL.

All the days in Lent, except Sundays. The Eve of Whitsuntide. The Quarter Tenses, or Ember Days, that occur in the four seasons of the Year. The Eve of SS. Peter and Paul. The Vigil of the Assumption of the B. V. Mary, and of all Saints. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent, and Christmas Eve.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH MEAT.

All the Sundays in Lent. All the Fridays throughout the Year.

N. B.—If a fasting day falls on a Sunday, the fast is kept on the Saturday before.

MORNING PRAYER.

MORNING Prayer is a duty which God requires as the first fruits of the day: most religiously then should it be consecrated to him. The success of our actions for the rest of the day, depends in a great measure upon this first duty. To begin the day without imploring God's grace, and thanking him sincerely for the repose of the night, is certainly to expose ourselves to infinite danger.

But, before your prayer, recollect yourself a moment; think what you yourself are, and what that God is, to whom you are going to speak. You will thus conceive the importance of the action, and the sentiments of humility, of regret for your faults, of attention, respect, fervour, love, and confidence, with which you should address him.

At waking in the morning, say: O my God, my only good, the author of my being, and my last end, I give thee my heart. Praise, honour, and glory be to thee for ever and ever. Amen.

At the rising up, say: In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will raise myself up from this bed of sleep, to adore my God, and to labour for the salvation of my soul. O may I rise on the last day, to life everlasting!

While clothing yourself, say: O my God, clothe my soul with the nuptial robe of charity, and grant that I may wear it pure and undefiled before thy judgment seat.

When clothed, kneel down, and say: ✠ In the name of the Father, &c. Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen. Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelical Salutation.

HAIL Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.—Holy Mary,

Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR;

OR GENERAL CONFESSION.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael, the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word and deed, *through my fault, through*

my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God! who though dwelling in the highest heaven, yet vouchsafest to regard the lowest creature upon earth, I humbly adore thy sacred Majesty, and with all the force and powers of my soul exalt and praise thy holy name for the infinite blessings thou hast so freely bestowed on me, for electing me in thy love, and creating me to thy own image; for redeeming me by thy Son, and sanctifying me with thy Holy Spirit; for preserving me in all the chances and encounters of this life, and raising up my thoughts to the hope of a better; and particularly for thy gracious protection from the dangers of the past night, and for bringing me safely to the beginning of this day. Continue, O Lord, thy mercy to me, and as thou hast awakened my body from sleep, so raise my soul from

sin, that I may walk soberly and chasely as in the day, in all holy obedience, before thy face.

Deliver me, O merciful God, from the evils of this day, and guide my feet in the ways of peace. Strengthen my resolutions to embrace with gladness all opportunities of doing good, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin, especially those which I have found by experience to be most dangerous to my soul; and when, through frailty, I forget thee, do thou in thy mercy remember me; that as I often fall by the evil inclination of my nature, I may instantly rise again by the assistance of thy grace. Make me diligent in the duties of my calling and state of life, and not too solicitous for the success of my affairs; but in all the miscarriages and crosses of this world, absolutely submit to thy divine pleasure, and wholly rely on thy merciful providence. Let thy blessing be upon my actions, and thy grace direct my intentions; that the whole course of my life, and the principal design of my heart, may always tend to the advancement of thy glory, the good of others, and the eternal salvation of my own soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who, with thee

and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Give me grace, O Lord, to do what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

Give me grace to suffer what thou permittest, and permit what thou pleasest.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon me, and dwell in my heart for ever. Amen.

A devout Recommendation, which may be used every Morning, or any other Time.

I ADORE and glorify thee, O blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I offer myself to thy divine Majesty, humbly beseeching thee to take from me, and from all thy faithful, whatever displeases thee, and to give us that which is grateful in thy sight; grant that we may here do what thou commandest, and hereafter receive what thou promisest.

To thee, O Lord, I commend my soul and body, (*my wife and children, my father and mother, my brothers and sisters*) my kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends, all my nearest and dearest relatives, and all those for whom I am any ways bound to offer up my prayers. To thee I commend the Holy Catholic Church. To thee I commend these United States,

and our President. Grant, O Lord, that all may know thee, all may honour and reverence thee, all may love thee, and be loved by thee. Reduce those that err, and bring them again into the way of truth: abolish heresies, and convert all to the true faith, who as yet do not know thee. Grant us, O Lord, thy grace, and preserve us in thy peace; may thy holy will be done, and not ours. Comfort all those that lead their lives in sorrow, misery, or temptation, and mercifully relieve them in their afflictions, whether spiritual or corporal. Lastly, I commend all universally to thy holy protection, beseeching thee, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant to the living forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed everlasting rest. Amen.

A Prayer for Perseverance in Goodness.

GRANT, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that I may persevere in good purposes, and in thy holy service, to my death; and that I may this day perfectly begin, for all I have hitherto done is nothing. Amen.

Here, if you have leisure, add, out of the devout prayers, that which is adapted to your state in life.

A Prayer to your Angel Guardian.

O ANGEL of God, to whose care I am committed by the supreme clemency, illuminate, defend, and govern me this day in all my thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life: and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When at Morning, Noon, or Evening, the Sign of the Salutation is given, say,

THE Angel of the Lord declared to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, &c. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, &c. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glorv of his resurrection,

through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Litany of the most holy Name of Jesus.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendour of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, son of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, father of the world to come.
Jesus, angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
esus, most patient,
sus, most obedient,

Have mercy upon us.

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Jesus, meek and humble of hear
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus, the joy of angels,
Jesus, king of patriarchs,
Jesus, inspirer of the prophets,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, spouse of virgins,
Jesus, crown all saints,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful unto us, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From a neglect of thy holy inspirations,
Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
Thro' thy nativity,
Thro' thy divine infancy,
Thro' thy sacred life,
Thro' thy labours and travails,
Thro' thy agony and passion,
Thro' thy cross and dereliction,
Thro' thy pains and torments,
Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus.*
Christ Jesus, hear us.
Christ Jesus, graciously hear us.

V. May the name of the Lord be blessed.

Lord Jesus deliver us.

R. From henceforth, now and for ever.

Let us Pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask and thou shalt receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to thee:* grant, we beseech thee, to us thy suppliants, the effects of thy most divine love, that we may love thee with all our hearts in word and deed, and never cease from praising thee: who livest and reignest, &c.

O GOD, who hast rendered the most glorious name of thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, most worthy to be loved with the highest affection by thy faithful, and exceeding dreadful to evil spirits: mercifully grant, that all who devoutly honour the sacred name of Jesus on earth, may receive in this life the sweetness of thy holy consolation, and obtain in the future the happiness of eternal joy and bliss. Through the same, &c.

May the divine assistance always remain with us. Amen.

Salve Regina.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our

sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Blessing.

THE peace of our Lord Jesus Christ; —virtue of his sacred passion:—the sign of the holy cross;—the purity and humility of the blessed Virgin Mary;—the protection of the angels;—and the intercession of all the saints and elect of God, be with me, and defend me now, and at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

At going forth out of your House, say,

SHOW me, O Lord, thy ways, and teach me thy paths. Direct my steps according to thy words, that no injustice may rule over me. Make perfect my walking in thy paths, that my steps may not be moved.

Grace before Meat.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which of thy bounty we are about

to receive, through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Grace after Meat.

WE give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits, who livest and reignest world without end. R. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to render to our benefactors life everlasting. R. Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.

DEVOTIONS

FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

A holy and ancient practice amongst the faithful has consecrated every day in the week to some particular devotion. It is with this spirit that a prayer is here set down for each of these days.

SUNDAY.

A Prayer to the most Holy Trinity.

GLORY be to the Father, who, by his power, hath brought us forth from nothing, and created us to his own likeness. Glory be to the Son, who by his wisdom hath delivered us from Hell, and opened Heaven for us. Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who, by his mercy.

hath sanctified us in baptism, and still continues to sanctify us by the graces which we every day receive from him. Glory, honour, and praise be to the three persons of the most holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. We adore thee, O Holy Trinity! we worship thee; we most humbly give thee thanks for having revealed to us this glorious, this incomprehensible mystery; and for granting to those who shall persevere until death in the faithful profession of it, the reward of beholding and enjoying in Heaven, what we now believe and adore upon Earth—One God in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

MONDAY.

A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O SANCTIFIER of our Souls! thou Spirit of love and truth! We adore thee as the principle of our eternal happiness; we thank thee as the dispenser of all heavenly favours; and we invoke thee as the source of that light and strength, by which alone we can know what is good, and be enabled to practise it. Enlighten our understandings, fortify our wills, purify our hearts,

regulate our movements, and make us attentive to all thy inspirations. Pardon us, thou Spirit of Grace and Mercy! pardon us our constant infidelities, and the shameful insensibility with which we have so often resisted the most touching impulses of grace. We are at length resolved to be no longer rebellious to it: but to obey it with such docility, that we may taste those fruits, and enjoy those beatitudes, which thy sacred gifts can produce in our souls.

TUESDAY.

A Prayer to our Guardian Angel.

O HOLY Angel, to whose care God in his mercy hath committed me, I return thee now my most sincere and humble thanks; I conjure thee, O amiable Guide, to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me the occasions of sin; to obtain for me a constant docility to divine inspirations; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death; and then to conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose, where, in thy blessed society, I may praise our Creator for ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

A Prayer to St. Joseph.

O FAITHFUL servant, whom God had charged with the care of his family; thou whom he had established the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus, the consoler and support of his Mother, and his own faithful Associate in the great affair of our Redemption; thou who hadst the happiness to live with Jesus and Mary, and to expire in their arms: Chaste Spouse of the Mother of God! thou model of pure, humble, and interior souls! be touched with the confidence we have in thee; and graciously accept these testimonies of our devotion. We return God thanks for the favours he hath bestowed on thee; and we beg, through thy intercession, that we may imitate thy virtues. Pray for us, then, O glorious Saint; and by that love thou always hadst for Jesus and for Mary, and which Jesus and Mary had also for thee, obtain always for us the incomparable advantage of living faithful to Jesus, and of dying in his love. Amen.

THURSDAY.

A Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

O SWEET and adorable Jesus, who in the excess of thy love, art pleased to dwell with us in the Sacrament of the Altar; I here acknowledge that thou art my Sovereign and my God: I adore thee with the most profound humility; I thank thee with all my heart, for the tenderness thou here showest me, in spite of the treatment thou receivest. Pierced with the sincerest grief, at the sight of my ingratitude, I come, O God of Majesty, to make thee some poor amends, for all the sacrileges and the impiety which were ever committed or ever shall be committed against this adorable Sacrament. Why cannot I, O God, sufficiently testify my own regret, for having so often appeared before thee with indifference, and for having approached thee with so little fervour, and so little love? Forget, O Lord, my iniquities, that thou mayest remember only thy own infinite mercies. Deign to accept the desire I have of honouring thee in the adorable Sacrament. Yes, I wish with all my heart to love thee, to bless, to praise, and adore thee here, as fer-

vently as the saints and angels adore thee: and I conjure thee, by this sacred Body, and by this most precious Blood, that I may henceforth honour thee so fervently, and receive thee so worthily, that after this life, I may praise thee for ever with thy Saints in Heaven. Amen.

FRIDAY.

A Prayer to Jesus suffering.

O SPOTLESS Lamb! O Innocent Victim! who by thy Death and Blood hast effaced the sins of mankind, blot out my iniquities, and do not permit that thy sufferings should become useless to me. O Jesus, humbled, sorrowful, desolate, and resigned to death! help me to receive, with a resignation like thine, whatever afflictions thou shalt please to send me. O Jesus, calumniated, accused, despised, teach me to look down with indifference on the judgments of men, and to suffer with patience the most provoking injuries. O Jesus, torn with stripes, pierced with thorns, weltering in blood for my sake, teach me to endure, for love of thee, the anguish and inconvenience of ill health, misery, or afflictions. O Jesus, abandoned to executioners, shamefully condemned to a cross, enable me to fly all vain-glory

and patiently to endure the most humbling contradictions. O Jesus, sinking under the weight of thy cross, I unite myself to thee, and my crosses also to thine—grant me grace to bear them with patience and resignation. O Jesus, raised up on thy cross, draw me now powerfully to thee: thou art expiring for my sake, O let me never live but for thine; that being henceforth crucified with thee, my whole occupation may be to love and to adore thee incessantly. Amen.

SATURDAY.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

O BLESSED Virgin, Mother of God! and by this august quality, worthy of all respect from men and angels, I come to offer thee my most humble homage, and to implore the aid of thy prayers and protection. Thy intercession is most powerful, and thy goodness for mankind on earth, is equal to thy influence in Heaven. Thou knowest, O blessed Virgin! that I look up to thee as my Mother, my Patroness, my Advocate: I acknowledge with humble gratitude that thy virtues singled thee out for the mother of my Redeemer. I will henceforth honour and serve thee assiduously. Accept, O blessed Virgin, my protestations of

fidelity; look favourably on the confidence I have in thee; obtain for me of thy dear Son, a lively faith, a firm hope, a tender, generous, and constant love. Obtain for me a cautious purity, a sincere humility, a placid resignation to the will of God, and so faithful an imitation of thy virtues through life, that I may exult in thy patronage at the hour of my death. Amen.

PRAYERS AT NIGHT,

BEFORE GOING TO BED.

IN the name of the Father, &c. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now, and for ever. Amen.

O ETERNAL, infinite, and Almighty God! whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down on thy unworthy servant, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the sight of all thy holy angels and blessed saints, the sinfulness and vanity of my life, but especially the transgressions of this day, by which I have so grievously wounded my own soul.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault. through my exceeding great fault.

Here examine diligently what sins you may have fallen into this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission, and humbly confessing them, proceed thus :

Of these, and all my other sins, I most sincerely repent, and am heartily sorry for every thought, word, and deed, by which I have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against me : especially for my disobedience to so holy a law, and extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have not merited the least of thy mercies, but rather deserve the greatest of thy judgments : but as thou hast revealed thyself to be a God of pity and compassion, forgiving the iniquities of such as truly repent, and absolving all those that voluntarily condemn themselves, wherefore with a penitent and contrite heart, I freely con-

fess the guiltiness of my own conscience, and humbly offer these prayers, &c. to thee, for my penance.

Say some Prayers, or do some other pious Act, for your Penance, then proceed thus :

But since my unworthiness and many imperfections most justly discourage me from presuming on my own performances, and the richness of thy mercy has provided for us a multitude of acceptable intercessors ; therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgiving me my sins, bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

And now, O most gracious and liberal Benefactor, I praise and magnify thy holy name for thy great and innumerable benefits, proceeding purely from thy bounty, and intended wholly for my good ; particularly for preserving me this day in the midst of so many dangers incident to my condition,

and delivering me from so many calamities and miseries as are due to my sins.

Thou art my Creator, O my God, and kind Protector; thou art the ultimate end of my being, and supreme perfection of my nature. Under the shadow of thy wings is perpetual repose, and from the light of thy countenance flow eternal joy and felicity. To thee be glory and honour, to thee adoration and obedience, from all thy creatures for ever. Amen.

And since thou hast ordained the day to labour, and the night to take our rest, as I praise thee for the blessings of this day past, so I implore thy protection this night to come. Let the eyes of thy providence watch over me, and thy holy angels pitch their tents about me; that being safely delivered from all dangers, and comfortably refreshed with moderate sleep, I may the better be enabled to perform the employments of my calling and state of life, and faithfully persevere in the discharge of the duties of thy service; and so daily advance to new victories over my passions, and to a more perfect observance of thy commandments; till having passed my days in thy fear, I may end them in thy fa-

vour, and rejoice with thee for ever in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O DREAD Lord, and most indulgent Father of mercies! I a wretched worm have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy servant, much less to be accounted thy child, having repaid so much bounty with contempt, and so many benefits with ingratitude. Where shall I find punishment enough to be revenged on me for my sins, or tears enough to wash out my iniquities? Alas! I grieve not at those pains which I have deserved for my rebellion; it only pierces my very heart that I have offended a God who ought to be beloved and honoured above all things. What shall I say, dear Lord, in detestation of the crimes I have committed? What shall I do to prevent my future relapses? Father, from henceforth the face of sin shall be more hideous to me than hell, and the least temptation to it more frightful than death. Forgive, O Almighty Lord, forgive, and have

not the sins of my past life in remembrance. Why should the mighty Lord of heaven and earth be incensed against so poor, so contemptible an object? Behold me, O God, not in thy anger, but according to the tender bowels of thy infinite mercy: for thou art our Father, and we are thy children; thou art our Maker, and we are as clay in thy hands; thou canst with those waters, drawn from the fountain of our blessed Saviour, cleanse our pollutions; and with the mixture of one drop of his most precious blood mould us again into vessels of honour. Of thee only, O merciful Father, I beg and hope for pardon, upon thee only do I call and depend for assistance; that I may hereafter constantly serve thee with a true and faithful obedience, and inseparably adhere to thee with a pure and perfect love for ever.

A Prayer for the Dead.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed, full remission of all their offences, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon of which they have been always desirous: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.

The Hymn. Te lucis ante terminum

BEFORE the closing of the day,
Creator, we thee humbly pray,
That for thy wonted mercy's sake,
Thou us into protection take.
May nothing in our minds excite
Vain dreams and phantoms of the night:
Keep off our enemy, that so
Our bodies no uncleanness know.
To Jesus, from a Virgin sprung,
Be glory given, and praises sung;
The like to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen

Antiphon.

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, and keep us, sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. Amen.

Preserve us as the apple of thine eye, and protect us under the shadow of thy wings. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

May thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have put our trust in thee.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my supplication come unto thee.

The Prayer.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and repel from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY OF OUR B. LADY OF LORETTO,

So called from its being usually sung in the Church of Loretto on all Saturdays, and Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O sacred mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed ever Virgin.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*
O God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Most pure mother,
Most chaste mother,
Undefiled mother,
Untouched mother,
Most amiable mother,
Most admirable mother,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
Most prudent Virgin,
Most venerable Virgin,
Most renowned Virgin,
Most powerful Virgin,
Most merciful Virgin,
Most faithful Virgin,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Honourable vessel,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,

Pray for us.

Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven.
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Pray for us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us*

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O sacred mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed ever Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O

Lord, thy grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us. R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.

To the B. Virgin Mary.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, I commit my soul and body to thy blessed trust this night and for ever, but more especially at the hour of my death. I recommend to thy merciful charity all my hopes, my consolation, my distress and misery; my life, and the end thereof: that through thy most holy intercession, all my works may be directed according to the will of thy blessed Son. Amen.

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, defend and protect me this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

The Blessing.

O GOD the Father bless me; Jesus Christ defend and keep me: the vir-

tue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this night and for ever. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul.

When you go to Bed, say,

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I lay me down to rest! bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me, and, after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

A Prayer at settling to Sleep.

O LORD Jesus Christ, whose unwearied eye neither slumbers nor sleeps, but continually watches in defence of thy servants, take me and mine, I beseech thee, into thy protection, and grant, that whilst my body is asleep, my soul may be awake to thee, and that I may hereafter behold thee in that blessed and heavenly country, where thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art eternally governor, and where all the Angels, with the blessed saints, are citizens for ever. Amen.

N. B. *When you are in bed, and cannot sleep, employ your thoughts in some spiritual exercise, or in saying the beads, or some other prayers; or in meditating on some passage of our Saviour's life and*

passion; particularly how he spent that night wherein he was taken in the garden; or else you may think on the painful state of the souls in hell or purgatory.

If you chance to awaken in the dead of the night, forthwith imagine with yourself that you are present among the choirs of saints and angels, and with sudden acclamation cry out with them in the words of the hymn, which they incessantly sing, both day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Or, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Live, Jesus, live, and let it be
My life to die for love of thee.

The seven Penitential Psalms.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

Psalm vi.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly but thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have laboured in my groanings; every night will I wash my bed: I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled: let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxi.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew

old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sins to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and that thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee, in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye just: and glory all ye right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxvii.

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head; and, as a heavy burden, are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrefied and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbours have drawn near and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood

afar off: and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and was as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped: thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me, and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity: and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm li.

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels

Cast me not away from thy face: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, obiations and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altars.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm ci.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me.

in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry, like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the house top

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up, thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on

Sion, for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion; and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my

days; thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old, like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxix.

OUT of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxlii.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer; give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant. for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old: I meditated on all thy works: I mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

Make thy way known to me wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to thee have I fled: teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents: neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

The Litany and Prayers recommended to be said in Catholic Families every Evening.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. O God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world. *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy Orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddee,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnaby,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul

Pray for us.

SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St Augustin,
St. Jerom,
St. Patrick,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Bennet.
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits.
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecily,
St. Catharine,
St. Anastasia,
St. Bridgit,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows, *Pray for us.*

Pray for us.

All ye Men and Women, Saints of God, *Make intercession for us.*

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Be merciful unto us, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill will,
From the spirit of fornication,

O Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
Thro' thy coming,
Thro' thy nativity,
Thro' thy baptism and holy fasting,
Thro' thy cross and passion,
Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, *beseech thee, hear us.*
That thou spare us, *We beseech thee, &c.*
That thou pardon us, *We beseech thee, &c.*
That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy church,
That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy church,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to christian kings and princes,
That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee, &c.

That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,
That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That thou render eternal good things to our benefactors,
That thou deliver our souls and those of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors from eternal damnation,
That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us,*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. Our Father, &c.
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Psalm lxix.

O God, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame, that desire evils to me.

Let them presently be turned away, blushing for shame that say to me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and deliverer: O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V Save thy servants. R. Trusting in thee, O my God. V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength. R. From the face of the enemy. V. Let not the enemy prevail against us. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us. V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins. R. Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief Bishop N.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and prolong his life, and make him blessed on earth: and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. O Lord, for thy name's sake, vouchsafe to render eternal life to all those by whom we have received good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine unto them.

V. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren. R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose property it is always to have mercy, and to spare, receive our petitions, that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayer of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee, that, of thy bounty, thou mayest grant us pardon and peace.

OUT of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest both acquit us of our sins,

and deliver us from the punishment we deserve for them.

O GOD, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N. our chief bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency, in the way of everlasting salvation; that by thy grace he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O GOD, from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works; give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts, being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies taken away, the times, through thy protection may be peaceable.

INFLAME, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy holy Spirit; that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of

thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired.

PREVENT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions, by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works; we humbly beseech thee, that they for whom we have purposed to offer our prayers, whether this present world still retains them in the flesh, or the next hath already received them divested of their bodies, may, by the intercession of thy saints, and the clemency of thy goodness, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins: through, &c. R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord, graciously hear us. R. Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.

Devout Prayers which may be said after the Litanies, according to the diversity of Times and Occasions.

A Prayer for God's holy Church.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to all nations in Christ, preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy church, spread throughout the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy name, through, &c.

For the Chief Bishop.

O GOD, the Pastor and Governor of all the faithful, mercifully regard thy servant N. whom thou hast placed as chief Pastor over thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, that both by word and example he may edify all those who are under his charge, that, together with the flock committed to his care, he may arrive at life everlasting: through our Lord, &c.

For all degrees of the Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed: hear, we beseech thee, our humble supplications for all degrees thereof; that by the assistance of thy grace, they may faithfully serve thee: through, &c.

A Prayer in any Necessity.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, the fountain of all goodness, mercifully hear the fervent prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask with faith, we may effectually obtain: through, &c.

Against the Persecutors of the Church.

RECEIVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy Church, and mercifully appease thy wrath against us; that all adversities and errors being removed, we may serve thee in secure liberty: through, &c.

A Prayer for the President of the United States.

WE pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

A Prayer for the Afflicted.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Comforter of the sorrowful, and the

support of those who are afflicted, give ear to the prayers of such as call on thee in their tribulation; that finding thy mercy present with them in their necessities, their mourning may be turned into joy: through, &c.

For Heretics and Schismatics.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who savest all, and wouldst not that any should perish: favourably look down upon those souls which are seduced by the deceit of Satan; that all heretical impiety being removed, the hearts of such as err may repent, and return to the unity of thy truth: through, &c.

For the unfaithful Jews.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who repellest not from thy mercy even the perfidious Jews: hear the prayer, which we offer for the blindness of that people; that the light of thy truth, Christ our Lord, being known to them, they may be delivered from their darkness: through, &c.

For Pagans.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who desirest not the death, but the life of sinners: mercifully accept our prayers, and delivering pagans from the worship of idols, unite them to thy

Church, to the praise and honour of thy glorious name: through, &c.

In time of War.

O GOD, who puttest an end to wars and, by the power of thy protection, vanquishest the opposers of such as trust in thee, help thy servants, who earnestly crave thy mercy; that the evil designs of our enemies being defeated, we may praise thee with incessant gratitude: through, &c.

In time of Famine and Pestilence.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the effect of our prayer, and mercifully turn away from thy servants all pestilence and famine: that the hearts of men may know that such scourges proceed from thy indignation, and cease by thy mercy: through, &c.

A Prayer for Rain.

O GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, grant us, we beseech thee, competent rain; that partaking of thy temporal blessings, we may the more confidently desire those which are eternal: through, &c.

For Fair Weather.

HEAR our supplications, O Lord, and vouchsafe to thy servants the blessing of fair weather; that we, who are

justly afflicted for our sins, may find relief in thy clemency: through, &c.

In any Tribulation.

O ALMIGHTY God, despise not thy people who call upon thee in their afflictions; but for the glory of thy name forgive them their sins, and deliver them from all sorrow: through, &c.

For Remission of Sins.

O GOD, who rejectest none, but art pacified by penance even towards the greatest offenders, mercifully regard the prayers of thy servants, that through thy mercy we may obtain the pardon of our sins, and be enabled to fulfil thy commandments: through, &c.

Against Temptations.

O GOD, who justifiest the wicked that repent, and desirest not the death of a sinner; we humbly beseech thy majesty to defend thy servants with thy heavenly grace, who trust in thy mercy, and preserve them by thy continual protection, that they may persevere in thy service, and by no temptations be ever separated from thee: through, &c.

For such as are on a Journey.

HEARKEN to our supplications, O Lord, and render the way of thy servants prosperous and safe: grant that amidst all the varieties of this journey

and their whole life, they may always be protected by thy assistance : through, &c.

A Prayer for the Sick.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, the perpetual salvation of them that believe, hear us for thy sick servants, for whom we humbly crave the help of thy mercy ; that their health being restored to them, they may render thanks to thee in thy Church : through, &c.

A Prayer for the Living.

EXTEND unto thy faithful, O Lord, the right hand of thy heavenly succour, that they may seek thee with all their hearts and obtain of thy mercy whatever is necessary to their condition : through, &c.

Prayers to beg the Grace of the Holy Ghost.

The HYMN, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Ghost, send down those beams
Which sweetly flow in silent streams,
From thy bright throne above :
O come, thou Father of the poor,
Thou bounteous source of all our store.
Come, fire our hearts with love.
Come thou of comforters the best,
Come thou the soul's delicious guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief :

Thou art our rest, in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in excessive heat,
  And comfort in our grief.
O sacred light, shoot home thy darts,
O pierce the centre of those hearts,
  Whose faith aspires to thee :
Without thy God-head, nothing can
Have any worth, or price in man,
  Nothing can harmless be.
Lord wash our sinful stains away,
Water from heaven our barren clay ;
  Our wounds and bruises heal :
To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow
Warm with thy fire our hearts of snow,
  Our wandering feet repel.
O grant thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is thy sure word,
  The seven gifts of thy spirit :
Grant us in life to obey thy grace :
Grant us in death to see thy face
  And endless joys inherit. Amen.

V. Send forth thy spirit, and they shall be created. R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth. V. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the light of the Holy Ghost, hast instructed the hearts of the faithful : grant that by the same spirit,

we may have a right understanding in all things, and evermore rejoice in his holy consolation : through, &c. Amen.

O GOD, to whom every heart is open, every will declares itself, and from whom no secret lies concealed, purify, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the thoughts of our hearts ; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily praise thee : through, &c.

A Prayer for our Friends.

O GOD, who hast poured the gift of charity, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, into the hearts of the faithful : grant to thy servants, (*here name those you pray for,*) for whom we implore thy mercy, health of mind and body ; that loving thee with all their strength, they may accomplish those things which are pleasing to thee : through, &c.

For our Enemies.

O GOD, the lover of peace and preserver of charity, give peace and true charity to all our enemies ; grant them remission of their sins, and deliver us from their deceits : through, &c.

Against wicked Thoughts.

O ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, mercifully regard our prayers

and deliver our hearts from the temptations of evil thoughts; that our souls may be made worthy habitations for the Holy Ghost: through, &c.

For Charity.

O GOD, who makest all things beneficial to them that love thee, infuse into our hearts an inviolable love of thy charity: that such desires as we conceive by thy holy inspiration may by no temptation be ever changed: through, &c.

For Patience.

O GOD, who by the humility of thy only begotten Son hast confounded the pride of the old enemy: grant, we beseech thee, that we may often call to mind what he meekly suffered for us, and by his example patiently endure all adversities: through, &c.

For the holy Catholic Church.

DEFEND, O Lord, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, from all dangers of body and soul: and by the prayers of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N. and all thy saints, grant us the mercies of peace and safety, that all adversities and errors being removed, thy Church may serve thee in secure liberty: through, &c.

TE DEUM, *or the Thanksgiving Hymn.*

THEE, sov'reign God, our grateful accents praise;
We own thee Lord, and bless thy wondrous ways. [frame,
To thee, eternal Father, earth's whole
With loudest trumpet sounds immortal fame.
Lord God of Hosts! to thee the heavenly pow'rs [tow'rs.
With sounding anthems, fill thy vaulted
The cherubim thrice Holy, Holy, Holy, ory,
Thrice Holy all the seraphim reply,
And thrice returning echoes endless songs supply. [play;
Both heav'n and earth thy majesty dis-
They owe their beauty to thy glorious ray.
Thy praises fill the loud apostles' choir:
The train of prophets in the song conspire.
Legions of martyrs in the chorus shine,
And vocal blood with vocal music join.
By these thy Church, inspir'd with heavenly art,
Around the world maintains a second part:
And tunes her sweetest notes, O God, to thee,
The Father of unbounded majesty;

The Son, ador'd co-partner of thy seat,
And equal everlasting Paraclete.
Thou King of glory, *Christ;* of the Most High,
Thou co-eternal filial Deity;
Thou, who to save the world's impending doom, [womb:
Vouchsaf'dst to dwell within a Virgin's
Old tyrant Death disarm'd: before thee flew [ings drew,
The bolts of heav'n, and back the fold-
To give access, and make the faithful way: [display.
From God's right hand, thy filial beams
Thou art to judge the living and the dead:
Then spare those souls for whom thy veins have bled.
O take us up among the blest above,
To share with them thy everlasting love.
Preserve, O Lord, thy people, and enhance
Thy blessing on thine own inheritance.
For ever raise their hearts, and rule their ways: [thy praise.
Each day we bless thee, and proclaim
No age shall fail to celebrate thy name;
Nor hour neglect thy everlasting-fame.
Preserve our souls, O Lord! this day from ill: [still.
Have mercy on us, Lord! have mercy

As we have hop'd, do thou reward our pain;
We've hop'd in thee, let not our hope be vain.

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost. R. Let us praise and extol him for ever. V. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite: we humbly thank thy divine Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed on us: always beseeching thy clemency, that thou, who grantest the request of those who ask with humility, wouldst not forsake us, but dispose us for the reward to come: through, &c.

A prayer for special Friends.

PRESERVE, O Lord, thy servants, N. N. for whose health, happiness, and prosperity, we humbly offer up these our petitions to thy sacred Majesty; beseeching thee to grant them a persevering constancy in the Catholic faith, a safe passage through this life's dangerous pilgrimage: that no worldly, carnal, or diabolical temptation may have the power to separate them from

thee, their prime and only good. Give them grace to correspond to that state and condition of life wherein thou hadst placed them; direct them in all their ways, defend them against all their enemies, and grant them finally a happy death and departure out of this world, and a speedy passage after death to the fruition of thy eternal felicity.

For a Friend in Tribulation.

VOUCHSAFE, O merciful Creator! to afford the sweetness of thy comforts to thy afflicted servant N. and to remove, according to thy accustomed mercy, the heavy burden of his calamities. Give him, we humbly beseech thee, patience in his sufferings, resignation to thy good pleasure, perseverance in thy service, and a happy translation from this afflicting life to thy eternal felicity.

A Prayer for all those who are engaged in the Employment or Service of others.

TO thee, O God, I offer myself, with all my labours of this day, and most humbly beg thy blessing to accompany me in all my undertakings, that whatever I do or suffer, may be with the patience of an humble, penitent, and sincere desire of faithfully discharging my duty to thee, whom I desire to serve. in every thing belonging to my

charge without loss of time, neglect, omission, or waste of what is committed to me.

I beseech thee likewise to grant me the spirit of obedience, humility, and meekness, that I may cheerfully comply with all lawful commands, without gainsaying, murmuring, or disrespect. May I never offend in word or action, or connive with others in what is evil: may I never give bad example, nor yield to others in whatever is injurious to my superiors, or displeasing to thee: may I live in peace with every one, give no provoking language, make no parties, carry no false or exaggerated stories; and if provocations are offered, may I suppress all passion, be moderate in my answers, and return good for evil.

In these and all my other duties assist me, O God, and help me to overcome all my usual weakness. May I ever continue under thy protection, and zealously walk in the paths of thy commandments, by avoiding evil, and doing good. To thee I consecrate all my labours, and beg thy blessing to attend me in all I shall do this day and evermore.

For the Master and Mistress of a Family.

O MERCIFUL God, I implore thy grace for my direction and help, in

the execution of every thing thou hast committed to my charge. Grant me discretion, that I may discover in all things what is best to be done, that I may manage them according to the obligations thou hast laid upon me. Make me faithful in taking care of what under thee, I have in charge, that nothing may suffer through my neglect, idleness, prodigality, or ill management Let not passion have any influence on my words or actions, that I may reprove without anger, command without imperiousness, require service without cruelty, have compassion on such failings as proceed rather from weakness than neglect, and show a tenderness towards all under my charge, as knowing that both they and I serve one master in heaven, who without respect to persons, will call us all to an equal account.

O Lord, let me never want thy grace to suppress every inclination that leads me from my duty. Let no kind of extravagance, excess, or disorder, find encouragement in my house. Make me a zealous observer of good discipline, and watchful against all undue liberties. Suffer me not to be unjust to any one, nor connive at what ought to be reproved. Take from me all immoderate

solicitude, and let no excess of worldly care withdraw my heart from the important concern of eternity. May my chief solicitude be, how to regulate all my concerns to thy honour and glory. I crave thy blessing this day and for ever, on all I am to do or suffer, and humbly offer myself, and all I possess, to thy glory. Help me, O my God, according to my necessities, now, and for ever. Amen.

For Parents.

ASSIST me, O heavenly Father, in discharging my duty to my children. Endue me with true Christian wisdom, to discern what to grant, and what to deny. Let neither passion, ill humour, nor fondness make me yield to them in any thing that may be prejudicial to either soul or body. Enable me always to give them good example; to preserve them from bad company, or from hearing or doing what may induce them to commit evil; and whenever they do amiss, prompt me to give them timely correction, more out of love than from passion. Deliver me from all manner of prodigality—intemperance—idleness—vanity—neglect, or ill management, that may prevent me from providing for their comfortable subsistence in this

life, as also from preparing them for happiness hereafter, by being over solicitous to make them great in this world.

Direct me, O God, in every particular that can contribute to their Christian education, and enable me to remove from them whatever may do them hurt. Deliver me from all indiscreet partialities — from discouraging them — or showing any unreasonable uneasiness, which may force them upon rash methods for the remedy of the trouble they find at home. Be thou a father to them, and supply, by thy goodness, whatever is wanting in me. Preserve them from the corruption of the world, from sin, and all evil, and excite them to all good. Deliver them from the effects of a vain and inconstant mind, and make them thy faithful servants here, that they may come at length to that happiness which Christ has purchased for them. Amen.

For Children under Parents' Care.

O HEAVENLY Father, who commandest us to love, obey, respect, and honour our parents, grant that I may always comply with this thy command, by being ever faithful in the performance of all it enjoins, and in never doing any thing contrary thereunto.

May I ever deny myself, in all lawful things, to please my parents; and obey them in whatever they can justly require or expect from me. Let me never contradict them, nor so dispute against their proposals as to make them uneasy. May I always consult them in all that concerns them or myself. May I ever be deaf to those who suggest the despising or neglecting of my parents' advice. May I never afflict them by following bad counsel, wicked company, or any evil ways. May I always study to be their comfort, in recompense for all the care, trouble, and love they have had for me. May I never show impatience at their infirmities, much less mock at any weakness to which they are subject.

Direct me, O my God, in every thing relating to my duty, and suffer no change of circumstances to withdraw me from it. May I in no lawful concern whatever offend my parents on earth, or displease thee, my Father, who art in heaven.

A Prayer for Scholars before Study.

O INCOMPREHENSIBLE Creator, the true fountain of light, and only author of all knowledge; who, out of the treasure of thy wisdom, hast, with wonderful harmony, disposed and ordered all the parts of the universe:

vouchsafe, I beseech, thee, to enlighten my understanding with the rays of thy wisdom, and to expel from it all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, instruct my tongue, and pour on my lips the grace of thy blessing. Give me a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehending, capacity of retaining, and the continual assistance of thy holy grace, that I may apply all my studies to thy honour, and the everlasting salvation of my own soul, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer which may be daily said by a Woman with Child.

O LORD God, Almighty Creator of heaven and earth, who hast made us all out of nothing, and redeemed us by the precious blood of thy only Son! look down upon thy poor handmaid here prostrate before thee, humbly imploring thy mercy, and begging thy blessing for herself and her child, which thou hast given her to conceive. Preserve, I beseech thee, the work of thy hands, and defend both me and the tender fruit of my womb from all perils and all evils; grant me in due time a happy delivery, and bring my child safe to the font of baptism, that it may be there

happily dedicated to thee, to love and serve thee faithfully for ever. But, O my God, I have too much reason to fear lest my great and manifold sins should hinder thee from hearing my prayers, and draw down thy judgment on me and mine, instead of thy mercies, which I sue for. And therefore I am sensible the first thing I ought to do is, to repent from the bottom of my heart for all my offences, humbly confessing them, and continually to cry to thee for mercy. I detest then all my sins with my whole heart, and desire to lay them down here at thy feet, to be effaced and destroyed for ever. I renounce and abhor them with my whole soul, because they are infinitely odious to thee, and wish I could expiate them with tears of blood: I humbly beg thy pardon for them all, and wish with all my heart I had never committed them: I here offer myself to make what satisfaction for them I am able; and most willingly accept of whatever I may have to suffer in child-bearing, and offer it up now beforehand to thee for my sins, firmly resolving by thy grace, never wilfully to offend thee more. Behold here my poor heart, O Lord, and if it is not, at least I desire it should be

that contrite and humble heart which thou never despisest. In this disposition of soul, and with a lively confidence in thy mercies, and in the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ thy Son, I renew the petition I made before, and once more beg, for myself, thy grace, protection, and a happy delivery; and for my child, that thou wouldst be pleased to preserve it for baptism, sanctify it for thyself, and make it thine for ever: through, &c. Amen.

For a Husband or Wife.

O GOD, who hast ordained the holy state of matrimony, wherein I am engaged, grant me grace to comply with all its obligations, and to perform them in such a manner as is becoming a christian, not an unbeliever.

Preserve my love undefiled, according to thy divine command, and let the duty of love help to conduct me with comfort through all the obligations and difficulties of my state. Grant me discretion to manage all circumstances for the best, a true love for peace, and such a discreet compliance as to resign my own thoughts and inclinations for preserving it. Inspire me with true humility and patience, that I may submit to and bear

with all crosses in the manner thy apostle requires. Furnish me with all other helps, that whatever difficulties may occur, I may persevere with cheerfulness in discharging the duties of my state, and never yield so far to any weakness, ill humour or impatience, as to weaken, much less to break the bond which thou hast sanctified, and which cannot be dissolved but by death. May I always be faithful and indefatigable in the discharge of the duties of my state, doing and suffering whatever falls to my lot, with such absolute submission to thy will, that both in peace and trouble, in prosperity and adversity, I may ever remember to resign myself cheerfully, O God, to thy pleasure or permission; and under all difficulties, still labour to work out my salvation.

For Widows.

O GOD, the disposer of all things, who hast been pleased to bring me into this state, grant me the grace to bear all its troubles with patience, and to make use of all its advantages with Christian prudence; to be a widow indeed; to despise all earthly comforts; to place my whole trust in thee, and to improve the opportunity offered for securing to myself a happy eternity.

Teach me, O Lord, to make the best use of the liberty thou hast given me, and as long as I shall abide here in this pilgrimage, give me grace to employ my time in such exercises of piety, charity, and solid devotion, as may secure thy mercy to me, and effectually conduct me to the possession of that happiness which I desire.

May I ever despise the vanities of the world, and make some recompense for my past sins, follies, and extravagances. May I now spend as many hours in prayer and good works as I have misspent in vanity, idleness, or dangerous entertainments. May I endeavour by charity to make amends for all that I have sinfully, idly, or prodigally misspent, and thus recover whatever prejudice my soul has suffered through my fault. May I ever study to improve my present circumstances in order to eternal life. May my loss turn to my advantage, and under thy protection, O God, may I find greater comforts than what the world can afford. Assist me, O my God, and let thy grace support me under all my weaknesses.

For those who lead a single Life.

O BLESSED Redeemer, who both by thyself and thy apostle, hast recommended a single life as the most proper state to serve thee in, without distraction, assist me by thy holy grace, that I may duly consider the advantages of it and make a right use of them, so as to find the good effect in my soul, for which the apostle gives it the preference to other states.

May I always rejoice under thy blessings, and being at liberty from those engagements which are attended with endless solicitudes, and enslave the minds of men to the earth, may I avail myself of this my privilege in seeking and serving thee with greater freedom of spirit, having thee now for my spouse.

May I not be like one of the foolish virgins, but with the wise wait in readiness for thy coming. May I leave all for thee. May I love thee with my whole heart, desire thee with all my soul, adore thee with all my mind and serve thee with all my strength : that I may thus become holy both in body and spirit. Support me under all my weaknesses ; and defend me against all the snares, both of the devil, of the world.

and of my own corruption. Take from me all affection for whatever flatters the senses, and let me admire nothing that is vain and empty. Inspire me with a dread of all that is dangerous, and let the great and prevailing object of my love, affections, and desires, centre in thee alone; that, having finished my life here, in imitation of thee, I may wait on thee for ever, in the joys of thy kingdom. Amen.

For the Rich.

MOST bountiful Lord, I return thee thanks for whatever I possess, and beg thy grace to make good use of whatever plenty, through thy mercy, I enjoy. May I always so govern myself, as to spend nothing in favour of any vicious or sinful inclination. May I be deaf to all expensive demands of vanity, gaming, appetite, and idleness, and put a stop to all those ways by which I have hitherto misspent what thou hast intrusted me with, and thereby often most ungratefully offended thy divine goodness.

I confess my past ingratitude, injustice, and impiety, in the abuse of thy favours and gifts, and earnestly beg pardon of thee, O Lord, for the same, and grace henceforward to do al

thou requirest. To feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, &c., with the overplus of the decent support of myself and of those under me; to lay up for myself a treasure in heaven, lest, like the rich man in the gospel, I suffer eternally in hell, for having so much indulged my passions, and applied thy favours to the service of idleness, vanity, and sin.

It is through thy great mercy, O my God, that I yet live, when thou mightest have cast me into endless flames. Thou sparest me, that I may make some amends for all the abuses of the goods thou hast so liberally bestowed on me. May I neither hereafter hoard up riches unnecessarily, nor spend them unprofitably. May I only make use of them for promoting thy honour and glory here, the relief of the poor, and for providing such necessaries as thou allowest. May I pay no regard to what the world applauds or censures, but only endeavour to please thee in a just disposal of what thou hast committed to my care, as being not the master but the steward thereof, and accountable to thee, O my God, the giver of whatever I possess. Assist me herein, O God, and let not riches, nor the evils they

lead to, but thyself alone, be the desire of my heart.

An Oblation which may be made to Almighty God, every Morning and Evening.

MOST merciful Lord, [illegible] living God! behold I, a wretc[illegible] [illegible] ungrateful sinner, prostrate at thy feet, adore and worship thee, offering up, in all humility, immortal praise and thanksgiving for all thy blessings, especially for that unspeakable charity which induced thee to send down thy only begotten Son into this vale of tears, for the work of our redemption.

O Eternal Lord of heaven and earth; I praise and magnify thy ever-glorious name, for thy Son's most holy incarnation and nativity; for his poverty, innocent life and conversation; for his heavenly doctrine and miracles; for his death and passion; his resurrection and ascension.

I yield thee all possible thanks for the divine mystery of his precious body and blood in the venerable sacrament of the eucharist, wherewith we are nourished, cleansed and sanctified, and our souls are made partakers of all heavenly graces and spiritual benedictions.

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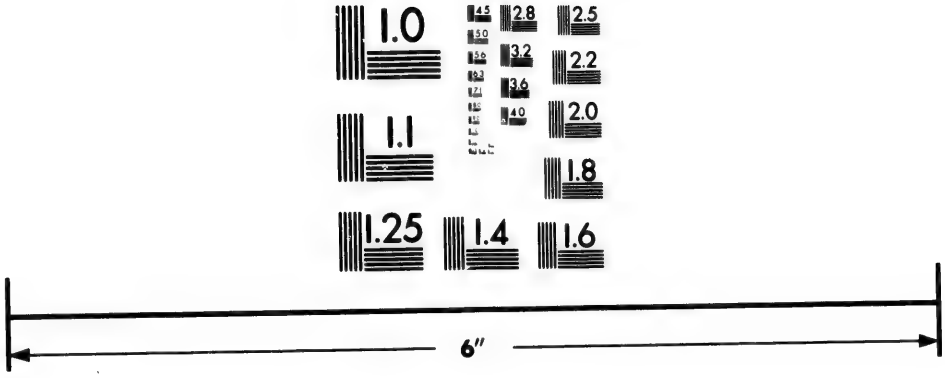

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I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, that out of a handful of dust thou wast pleased to make me according to thy own image and likeness, rendering me capable of eternal glory, for the obtaining of which thou didst vouchsafe first to wash me with the laver of baptism, for the remission of that original corruption which was contracted by my first parents; and afterward to bring me to the profession and practice of the Catholic faith, not ceasing daily to increase the same in me, by the doctrine and instruction of thy Church.

I most humbly thank thee also, that thou hast nourished and clothed me from my cradle, supplying me with all necessaries for the relief and maintenance of my frail body.

I evermore extol and magnify thy holy name, for having in thy great mercy hitherto spared, and patiently expected me, till by thy grace I might be awakened from the sleep of sin, and reclaimed from my vanities and wicked courses. For hadst thou dealt with me according to my demerits, my soul (being oppressed with innumerable sins) had long since been plunged into eternal perdition

In consideration of all these thy mercies and blessings, I most humbly desire that my heart may every day enlarge itself, that it may still render thee a more ample tribute of praise and thanksgiving than it has hitherto paid thee.

O my Lord God! and most merciful Father! never abandon me to myself, but let thy holy fear be ever present in my thoughts, to curb and restrain me within the bounds of obedience to thy law, that I may dread nothing so much in this world as, by a violation of the least of thy precepts, to offend thee. Let thy holy love temper all the trials and temptations which may befall me in such a manner that none of them may at any time overcome me: for thou knowest that of myself I have not strength to resist them.

I moreover beseech thee, most merciful Father, by the profound humility of thy only Son Jesus Christ, that thou wouldst preserve me from all pride, self-love, vain glory, obstinacy, and disobedience. Cast out of my heart, I beseech thee, the spirit of gluttony and uncleanness; the spirit of sloth and indevotion; the spirit of malice and envy: the spirit of hatred and disdain; that I

may never despise the meanest of thy creatures, nor proudly prefer myself before others, but always seem little in my own eyes; inclining to think the best of others, and judge the worst of myself.

Clothe me, O most holy Father, with the wedding garment of thy beloved Son, the supernatural virtue of heavenly charity, that I may love thee, my Lord God, with my whole heart, my whole soul, and with all my strength, that neither life nor death, prosperity nor adversity, nor any thing else, may ever separate me from thy love. Grant that all inordinate affections to the transitory things of this world may daily decrease in me, that thou only mayest be the entertainment and delight of my soul.

O most gracious God, grant thy servant an humble, contrite, and obedient heart; an understanding always employed in honest and pious thoughts; a will tractable, and always inclined to do good; affections calm and moderate: a watchful custody over my senses, that through those windows no sin may enter into my soul; a perfect government of my tongue, that no corrupt or unseemly language may proceed from my lips; may I never slander, or speak ill of any one, nor busy myself about the faults

and imperfections of others, but wholly attend to the amendment of my own life.

O most loving Lord, as long as I am detained in this prison of my body, let this be my comfort: that being free from all distractions, both of the cares and pleasures of this life, I may wholly devote myself to thy service, attending always to thy heavenly doctrine, and the salutary motions of thy holy Spirit. In these sweet exercises let me pass the solitary hours of my tedious pilgrimage with patience, expecting the closing up of my days, and a happy period to this my miserable life.

And finally grant, O blessed Redeemer of mankind, my Lord and my God, that when this my earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, (being found free from all pollution of sin, through sincere contrition, and in virtue of the sacraments of thy holy Church,) I may be included in the number of those blessed souls, who, through the merits of thy passion and death, are deemed worthy to reign with thee, and to enjoy the glorious presence of the adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: to whom, by all creatures in heaven and earth, be rendered praise and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, my God! O Lord, my God! possess my soul, possess my soul, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO THE B. V. MARY.

IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

By the devout recital of which, for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the Year.

EVER glorious and blessed Mary, Queen of Virgins, Mother of Mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love he had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple, St. John, take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities

and miseries, of what kind soever. Thou art the Mother of Mercies, the sweet Consolatrix and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion, to my humble and earnest request. I ask it, through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son; through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature; when, in compliance with the divine will thou gavest thy consent, and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou didst bring forth from the chaste enclosure of thy womb, to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. I ask it through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when he besought his eternal Father *to remove from him, if*

possible, *the bitter chalice* of his future passion. I ask it, through the three-fold repetition of his prayers in the Garden, whence afterward, with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it, through the welts and sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterward cast lots. I ask it through the scoffs and ignominies by which he was insulted; the false accusations and unjust sentence by which he was condemned to death, and which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it through his bitter tears and bloody sweat; his silence and resignation; his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it through the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head when struck with the sceptre of a reed, and pierced with his crown of thorns. I ask it through the excruciating torments he suffered, when his hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it, through his vehement thirst, and bitter portion of vinegar and gall. I ask it, through his dereliction on the cross.

when he exclaimed, "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" I ask it, through his mercy extended to the good thief, and through his recommending his precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal Father before he expired, saying, "All is consummated." I ask it, through the blood mixed with water, which issued from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it, through his immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which, nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the burstings of rocks, rending of the veil of the Temple, the earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it, through his descent into hell, where he comforted the Saints of the old Law with his presence, and led Captivity captive. I ask it, through his glorious victory over death, when he arose again to life on the third day, and through the joy which his appearance for forty days, after gave thee his blossed Mother, his Apostles, and the rest of his Disciples; when in thine and their presence he miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of his

Disciples, when he descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it, through the awful appearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it, through the compassion he bore thee, in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine Assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and ever-blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me

[*Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, under the reservation of its being agreeable to the will of God, who sees whether it will contribute towards your spiritual good.*]

And as I am persuaded my divine Saviour doth honour thee as his beloved Mother, to whom he can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and his filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests, and complyeth with the desires of

those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, beside the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, sincere confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbour, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies, Nay even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God! perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortifications of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me to receive the last Sacrament of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favour. Lastly obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

A most devout Act of Contrition.

O MY God! the God of my heart! my soul! my life! and all that is within me! whom I have so much offended, that neither the sands on the sea-shore, the stars in the heavens, the flowers of the fields, nor the leaves of the trees, can equal the infinite number and unspeakable variety of my sins; I have sinned, I have offended thee, and done evil before the face of heaven and earth! I have departed from thy law; turned my back on thy grace; adored what offended thee; made an idol of my guilt, and run on without fear or shame in the ways of deceit, vanity, and perdition. Ah! my God, how much am I grieved for having offended thee! I am more troubled at the greatness of my ingratitude for having offended thee, than at the greatness of the torments which I have deserved for my sins. I would have my sorrow for my sins to be as great as the sins themselves: I would have my regret for having displeased thee proportioned to the injuries committed against thee: I would have a grief equal to thy mercy: I would willingly bewail the enormity of my sins with tears of blood: more for the offence and insult offered thy divine Majesty,

than for the injury and perdition they bring upon myself. But where shall I find so deep a sense of sorrow, save only in the fountain of thy grace? Where shall I find such a grief, save only in the contemplation of thy immense goodness and infinite majesty? Whence are those tears to flow, save only from the ocean of thy mercy? Here I cast myself at thy feet: consider not in what manner, at what time, or how late: consider only that I come. But ah! Lord, in how miserable a condition! how filthy! how abominable! Clad with the deformity of my sins, covered with the filthiness of my offences, and defiled with the abominations of a vicious life! But, in approaching thee, O my God, I come with the confidence of finding in thy mercy a secure haven; in thy compassion, protection; in thy clemency, a refuge; and in thy goodness, a remedy. Wherefore, O Lord, under the dread of thy justice, I seek no other remedy, save that of thy mercy, nor fly to any other shelter, but that of thy clemency. In thee I place my trust, O my God: for though by sin I have lost the nature and privilege of a son: yet thou, O Lord, infinitely d, durst not lose the

nature and condition thou hast of a father. Let then, O Lord, thy infinite grace complete that work in me which thy infinite mercy has begun. Let thy clemency come to the succour of thy miserable creature: take pity and compassion on my poor soul. I am firmly resolved, with the aid of thy grace, to amend my life, confess my sins, and persevere in thy service; to pardon injuries, avoid the occasions of evil, and abhor my vices: to make such restitution as I am able, and to observe, as in duty bound, all thy commandments. I trust, O Lord, in thy infinite goodness, that thou wilt pardon all my sins, through the death and passion of my Lord Jesus Christ: for though in his wounds there is justice to punish me, yet in the same wounds there is likewise mercy to forgive me. Mercy! mercy! mercy! dear Jesus, have mercy on me.

ACTS OF CONTRITION, FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY,

AS USUALLY REPEATED BEFORE MASS.

A Prayer before the Acts.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant unto us an increase of faith,

hope, and charity. And that we may obtain what thou hast promised, make us love what thou commandest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest my sins most sincerely, because they displease thee my God, who art so deserving of all my love, for thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections; and I firmly purpose by thy holy grace never more to offend thee.

An Act of Faith.

O MY God, I firmly believe that thou art one only God, the Creator and sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, infinitely great and infinitely good. I firmly believe that in thee, one only God, there are three divine persons really distinct and equal in all things, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: I firmly believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son, became man; that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and was born of the Virgin Mary, that he suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us, that he arose the third day from the dead; that he ascended into heaven; that he will come at the end of the world to judge man.

kind; and that he will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of hell. I believe these and all other articles, which the holy Roman Catholic church proposes to our belief, because ou, my God, the infallible truth, hast evealed them; and thou hast commanded us to hear the church, *which is the pillar and the ground of truth*; in this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die. *Matt.* xviii. 17, and 1 Tim. iii. 15.

An Act of Hope.

O MY God, who hast graciously promised every blessing, even heaven itself, through Jesus Christ, to those who keep thy commandments—relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on thy sacred promises, to which thou art always faithful; I confidently hope to obtain pardon of all my sins; grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded, and which, with thy assistance, I now purpose to perform; and eternal happiness in the next, through my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

An Act of Charity, or an Act of the Love of God and of our Neighbour.

O MY God, I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things; because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbour as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God, that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee for ever in heaven. Amen.

A Prayer to be said before Mass.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world as to give up for our redemption thy beloved Son; who in obedience to thee, and for us sinners, *humbled himself even unto the death of the Cross*, and continues to offer himself daily, by the ministry of his priests, for the living and the dead—we humbly beseech thee, that, penetrated with a lively faith, we may always assist with the utmost devotion and reverence, at the oblation of his most precious body and blood, which is made at Mass; and thereby be made partakers of the sacrifice, which he consummated on Calvary.

In union with thy holy church and its minister, and invoking the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the angels and saints, we now offer the

adorable sacrifice of the Mass to thy honour and glory, to acknowledge thy infinite perfections, thy supreme dominion over all thy creatures, our entire subjection to thee, and total dependence on thy gracious providence, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic faith, of our most holy Father the Pope, for our archbishop (or bishop) and for all the pastors and clergy of thy holy church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation, for *the President*, and all that *are* in *high station*, that we may lead quiet and holy lives—for peace and good will among all states and people—for the necessities of mankind—and particularly for the congregation here present: to obtain all blessings we stand in need of, in this life, everlasting happiness in the next—and eternal rest to the faithful departed.

And as Jesus Christ so ordained, when he instituted at his last supper, *this wonderful mystery of his power, wisdom, and goodness:* we offer thee this *Mass*, in grateful remembrance of all he has done and suffered for the love of us, making special commemoration of his bitter passion and death, and of his glorious Resurrection and

Ascension into Heaven. Vouchsafe, O Almighty and eternal God (for to thee alone so great a sacrifice is due) graciously to accept it, for these and all other purposes, agreeably to thy holy will. And to render it the more pleasing, we offer it to thee, through the same Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, our high Priest and victim; and in the name of the most holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be honour, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A DEVOUT METHOD OF HEARING MASS.

Making the sign of the Cross with the Priest, say,

IN the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Amen.

I will draw near to thy altar, O my God, there to gain new strength and vigour to my soul; separate me from those unbelievers who have no trust in thee; that grace which comforts me when the remembrance of my sins afflict and cast me down; that grace which lets me know there

is an everlasting refuge in thy goodness, and that thou art ready to forgive even our greatest sins upon a sincere repentance.

The Priest bowing down, says the Confiteor before he goes up to the altar: *say it with him as follows:*

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have very much sinned in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to our Lord God for me.

As the Ps. Judica me, *the* Gloria in excelsis *and* Creed *are omitted in* Masses for the Dead, &c. *you also may pass them over.*

After the Confiteor, *say,*

O MY God, who hast command

ed us to pray for one another, and in thy holy Church hast given, even to sinners, the power of absolving from sin, receive with equal bounty the prayers of thy people for the priest, and those of the priest for thy people.

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of those saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

When the Priest goes first to the Book, and says the part of the Mass called the Introit, *say,*

GRANT, O Lord, we may be truly prepared for the offering of this great sacrifice to thee this day; and because our sins alone can render us displeasing to thee, therefore we call aloud to thee for mercy.

At the Kyrie eleison, *say,*

HAVE mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my sins.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

At the Gloria in excelsis, *say,*

GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will.

We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee; we give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers: who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

When the Priest turns to the People, and says, Dominus vobiscum, *say,*

BE thou always with us, O my God, and let thy grace never depart from us.

Whilst he reads the Collects, *say,*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly beseech thee, mercifully to give ear to the prayers of thy servant, which he offers thee in the name of thy Church, and in behalf

of us thy people: accept them to the honour of thy name, and good of our souls; and grant us all those blessings which may any ways contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Epistle, *say,*

BE thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed, for having communicated to the holy prophets and apostles thy spirit, disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profitable, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

When he reads the Gradual, *say,*

HOW wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth! I will bless our Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and my Protector: in thee alone will I put my trust, let me not be confounded for ever.

At the Gospel, *when the People rise up, say,*

MAYEST thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him; grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy gospel, is truth itself: nothing but wisdom in thy actions; power and goodness in thy miracles; light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go, but to thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

At the Credo, *or* Nicene Creed, *say,*

I BELIEVE, O Lord, all thou hast taught me by thy holy Church: in this faith, by the assistance of thy grace, I desire to live and die: by thy divine grace, I am convinced of

the sincerity and wisdom of those who have delivered these sacred truths to me. Their miraculous success is a sufficient proof. Where shall I go, my Lord? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Of thy truth thus delivered, my reason and will shall never doubt, though my senses and vain imaginations should. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

When, at the Offertory, *he* uncovers the Chalice, *say,*

ACCEPT, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I, thy unworthy servant, offer thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present, and for all faithful Christians, living and dead, that it may avail me and them to life everlasting. Amen.

At the Offering of the Chalice, *say,*

WE offer thee, O Lord, the Chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a sweet perfume, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and a contrite heart: and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

When he washes his Fingers at the Corner of the Altar, *say,*

THOU, Lord, who once vouchsafedst to wash thy disciples' feet before their invitation to thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech thee, O Lord, and wash us again: not only our feet and hands, but our hearts, our desires, our souls, that we may be wholly innocent and pure.

Go on, and pray.

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation we make thee, in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of the ever-blessed Mary ever Virgin; of blessed John the Baptist; of the holy apostles Peter and Paul; of these, and of all the saints; that it may be available to their honour and our salvation. And may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Orate Fratres, *say,*

MAY our Lord receive this sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the benefit of his whole church.

Or whilst he reads the secret Prayers proper for the Day, *in a low voice, say,*

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we thy servants are making to thee; that as we offer it to the honour of thy name, so it may be to us a means of obtaining thy grace here, and in the next life, everlasting happiness. Amen.

When the Priest says in a loud voice, Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *say,*

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord; by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens and heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim with common jubilee glorify it; together with whom

we beseech thee, that we may be admitted to join our voices, saying in an humble manner,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

What follows is called the Canon of the Mass; *say then,*

MOST merciful Father, who hast given us thy only Son to be our daily sacrifice, incline thine ears to our prayers, and favour our desires, protect, unite, and govern thy whole Church throughout the world, pour forth thy blessing on his present Holiness, that Prelate who has a particular charge over us, and all true professors of the Catholic faith.

Whilst he makes his Memento, *or* Commemoration of the Living, make yours also, *praying in particular* for yourself and Friends, &c.

I OFFER thee, O eternal Father, with this thy minister at the altar, this oblation of the body and blood

of thy only Son, to thy honour and glory: in remembrance of my Saviour's passion, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, in satisfaction for all my sins, and for the obtaining of thy grace, whereby I may be enabled to live virtuously and die happily. I desire thee likewise to accept it, O God, for my parents, [*if alive*] relatives, friends, and benefactors; grant them all blessings, spiritual and temporal. I offer it up also [*name the particular intention you offer it up for: as* for obtaining this virtue, overcoming that vice; for blessings, such as health, *&c.*] Likewise for all that are in misery; for those I have any ways injured in word or deed; for all my enemies: for the conversion of sinners, and enlightening all that sit in darkness. Pour forth thy blessings on all, according to their different necessities, through the merits of thy only Son our Lord.

Proceed and say.

GIVE ear we beseech thee, to the prayers of thy servant, who is here appointed to make this oblation in our behalf, and grant it may be

effectual for the obtaining of all those blessings which he asked for us.

Behold, O Lord, we all here present to thee in this bread and wine the symbols of our perfect union. Grant, O Lord, that they may be made for us the true body and blood of thy dear Son; that being consecrated to thee by this holy Victim, we may live in thy service, and depart this life in thy grace.

At the Elevation, *or* lifting up of the Sacred Host, in Memory of Christ being lifted up on the Cross, *say*,

MOST adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

At the Elevation of the Chalice, *say*,

MOST adorable blood, that washest away all our sins, I adore thee

happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine, O blessed Victim.

O Jesus, do thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live Jesus, in us, and may we live in thee. Amen.

After the Elevation, *say,*

IT is now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred mysteries of thy passion and death, of thy resurrection and ascension. Here is thy body that was broken: here is thy blood that was shed for us, of which these exterior signs are but the figures, and yet in reality contain the substance. It is now we truly offer thee, O Lord, that pure and holy victim, which thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures.

Whilst he makes his Memento, *in silence,* for the Dead, make yours also, *thus,*

I OFFER thee again, O Lord, this holy sacrifice of the body and blood of thy only Son, in behalf of the faithful departed, and in particular for the souls of [*here name whom*

you chiefly propose to pray for] my parents [*if dead,*] relatives, benefactors, neighbours, &c. Likewise of such as I have any ways injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them, &c. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

When he strikes his Breast and says aloud, Nobis quoque peccatoribus, *say,*

VOUCHSAFE to grant the same to us, poor and miserable sinners: judge us not according to our demerits; but through the infinite multitude of thy mercies, in which we hope, liberally extend to us thy grace and pardon.

We ask it of thee, in the name of thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth eternally with thee, and in that form of prayer which he himself hath taught us.

At the Pater Noster, *say with him,*

OUR Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Deliver us from those evils, which we labour under at present; from past evils, which can be nothing but our manifold sins; and from all the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of thy saints, who intercede for us, intercept not thy justice, or excite not thy bounty.

At his breaking and putting a Particle of the Host into the Chalice, say,

THY body was broken, and thy blood shed for us: grant that the commemoration of this holy Mystery may obtain for us peace: and that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

At the Agnus Dei, *say with the Priest,*

LAMB of God, who takest away

the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

At the Prayer before Communion, *say,*

IN saying to thy Apostles, my peace I leave you, my peace I give you: thou hast promised, O Lord, to all thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give; peace with thee, and peace with ourselves.

Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace: let nothing separate us from thee to whom we heartily desire to be united, through the blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this food of angels strengthen us in every christian duty, so as never more to yield under temptations, or fall into our common weaknesses.

At the Domine non sum dignus, *striking your Breast thrice, with Humility and Contrition, say,*

LORD, I am not worthy thou

shouldst enter under my roof; say only the word and my soul shall be healed.

Such as are not prepared to communicate really, may communicate spiritually, by saying as follows:

Most loving Jesus, I adore thee with a lively faith, who art present in this sacrament by virtue of thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. But conscious of my infirmities and sins, I dare not now receive thee sac ramentally. All my hope is in thee! I love thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me: and therefore I desire to receive thee now spiritually: come therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with thy sacred body and blood: deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to thy commands; and let me never be separated from thee, my Saviour! who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

During the Ablution *and* Wiping *of the* Chalice, *say,*

GIVE us, O Lord, a part in the fruits of thy death and passion; the sacred memory of which we have commemorated in our present sacrifice and communion. Happy those who sit at thy table to partake of the bread of life. O Jesus, my soul sighs after thee! I long with thy apostle to be dissolved, and to be with thee. My heart, and my whole body, with transports of joy, seek the living God.

My soul languishes with the ardent desire of entering into the house of our Lord. I love thee, O my God, with all my heart! O that I could always enjoy the presence of thy adorable body, which is the pledge of our eternal happiness. I adore thy goodness, and return thee infinite thanks, O gracious Lord, for thy inestimable favour and mercy, in admitting me to be present this day at the dread sacrifice, where thou art both Priest and Victim. Make me, O God, always sensible of this great blessing, and let not my unworthiness put a stop to the effect of thy mercy and goodness.

Whilst he reads the Communion, say,

LET it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we, who have been present at this holy mystery may find the benefit of it in our souls.

At the Post-Communion, say,

WE give thee thanks, O God, for thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this sacrifice to thy holy name: accept it now to thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.

Proceed as follows:

MOST gracious God, Father of mercy, grant, I beseech thee, that this adorable sacrifice of the blessed body and blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may obtain for us at thy hands, mercy, and the remission of all our sins. Amen.

When he turns to the People and gives them his Blessing, *make you also the sign of the Cross and say,*

THE Blessing of God Almighty, + Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

descend upon us, and dwell in ou hearts for ever. Amen.

Whilst he concludes with the last Gospel *say,*

O ETERNAL Word, speak to my soul, which adores thee in profound silence; thou art the great Creator of all things; abandon not, I beseech thee, thy own creature; be thou my life, my light, and my all.

O Light eternal! enlighten me in this present life, and in the life to come.

Reign in me as in thine own inheritance: for thou, O Lord, hast made me: thou hast redeemed me! May I be ever thine.

I have sinned too much against heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son.

Thou God Incarnate, have pity on my frail and mortal flesh, and grant it may one day see what it here adores below. Amen.

I RENDER thee all possible praise and thanks, O Sovereign Creator, for the favour I have this day received from thy bounty, and of which many

better deserving Christians are deprived. Receive, O Lord, my unworthy prayers, supply all my defects, pardon all my distractions and indevotions, and grant, that by the strength and virtue of these divine mysteries, I may go on cheerfully in the path of thy commandments, love and service, amidst all the temptations, troubles, and dangers of my life's pilgrimage, till I shall one day happily arrive at thy heavenly kingdom, where, with the blessed angels and saints, I shall more clearly contemplate thee, more perfectly enjoy thee, and more adequately celebrate thy infinite goodness and mercy, with uninterrupted canticles of eternal praise, admiration and gratitude.

Happy are they who dwell in thy house, O Lord: for ever and ever they will praise thee.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honour, glory, and power.

Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy is everlasting.

Who shall relate the wonders of the Lord? who shall publish his praises?

At sprinkling the Holy Water, before Mass on Sundays, is sung the following Anthem:

SPRINKLE me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: wash me, and I shall become whiter than snow.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

V. Glory be to, &c.

Anth. Sprinkle me.

The Priest, being returned to the Foot of the Altar, says,

V. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. May the Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

HEAR us, O holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God! and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all that are assembled in this place, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Easter to Whitsunday, inclusively, instead of the foregoing Anthem, the following is sung, and to the V. (Ostende nobis,) *and its* R. Et salutare, *are added* Alleluias.

Anthem.

I SAW water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia: and all to whom the water came, were saved, and they shall say, Alleluia.

Ps. Praise the Lord, because he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory, &c.

Preparatory Prayer before Mass.

PROSTRATE in spirit at the foot of thy holy altar, I adore thee, Almighty God! and firmly believe that the Mass, at which I am going to assist, is the sacrifice of the body and blood of thy Son, Christ Jesus. O! grant I may assist thereat with the attention, respect, and awe due to such august mysteries: and that by the merits of the Victim there offered for me, I myself may become an agreeable sacrifice to thee, who livest and reignest with the same Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.—Amen.

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS.

The Priest at the Foot of the Altar, beginning, saith,

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, &c. Amen.

Anth. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who rejoiceth my youth.

Psalm xlii.

JUDGE me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: from the unjust and deceitful man deliver me.

R. Since thou, O God, art my strength, why hast thou rejected me? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth thy Light and thy Truth: they have conducted and brought me unto thy holy Mount, and into thy Tabernacle.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O God, my God: why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou disturb me?

R. Hope in God, for him will I still praise: he is my God, and the Saviour I look for.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, &c.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. I confess to Almighty God, &c.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and, forgiving thee thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life. P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, O Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting. R. Amen.

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. R. Amen.

P. O God, thou being turned towards us, wilt enliven us.

R. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Priest, going to the Altar, says,

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies; through, &c. Amen.

When come up to the Altar, bowing down, he says,

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints, whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

Whilst he reads the Introit, *say,*

Let the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for ever. From the rising to the setting of the sun all praise is due to the name of the Lord. Who is

like the Lord our God, who dwells on high, and looks on all that is humble both in heaven and earth? Glory be to the Father, &c.

Lord have mercy on us. [*three times.*]
Christ have mercy on us. [*three times.*]
Lord have mercy on us. [*three times.*]

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.—Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee. We give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our

sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

prayers: who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in the glory of God the Father.—Amen.

Turning towards the people, the Priest salutes them, saying,

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Whilst he reads the Collects, *the following may be said:*

We humbly beseech thee, O Almighty and eternal God, mercifully to give ear to the prayers of thy servant, which he offers to thee in the name of thy Church, and in behalf of us thy people: accept them to the honour of thy name, and the good of our souls, and grant us all those blessings which may any way contribute to our salvation: through, &c. Amen.

Whilst the Priest reads the Epistle, *say,*

Be thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed for having communicated

thy spirit to the holy prophets and apostles, disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profitable, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

At the end of the Epistle, *the Clerk answers,*

Thanks be to God.

During the Gradual, *or* Tract, *may be said,*

How wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth. I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and protector: in thee alone I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

Before the Gospel, *say,*

CLEANSE my heart and my lips. O Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal: and vouchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily attend to thy holy gospel: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord be in my heart, and on my lips, that I may worthily and in a becoming manner attend to his gospel. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (or the beginning) of the holy Gospel according to, &c.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

During the Gospel, *say,*

Be thou ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him; grant us, merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy gospel, is truth itself; nothing but wisdom in thy actions: power and goodness in thy miracles: light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go but to thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? I firmly believe, O God, all thou teachest, give me only grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

At the end of the Gospel, *answer,*

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then add with the Priest, in a low voice,

May our sins be blotted out, by the words of the gospel.

The Nicene Creed.

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

I Believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

Et in unum Dominum, Jesum Christum Filium Dei unigenitum; et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo; Lumen de Lumine; Deum verum de Deo vero; genitum non factum; consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sanc-

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; and born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost,

to, ex Maria Virgine, ET HOMO FACTUS EST* Crucifixus etiam pronobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum sedet ad dextram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuous: cujus regni non erit finis.

of the Virgin Mary AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and he is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et con-

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who, together with the Father and the Son,

* At these words the Priest kneels down to adore God for the ineffable Mistery of the incarnation.

glorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam. Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiasm. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

At the Offertory *say,*

O my God, I sincerely offer myself and all I have to thee, to do and suffer whatever thou commandest or permittest. Receive my offering, and bear with my weakness, I most humbly beseech thee.

Oblation of the Host.

Accept, O holy Father, Almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I thy unworthy servant offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present; as

also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead; that it may avail both me and them unto life everlasting. Amen.

When the Priest puts the Wine and Water into the Chalice.

O God, who in creating human nature, hast wonderfully dignified it, and still more wonderfully reformed it, grant that by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of his divine nature, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, namely, Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son who with thee, in the unity of, &c. Amen.

Oblation of the Chalice.

We offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty as a sweet odour, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

When the Priest bows before the Altar.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility, and contrition of heart, and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

When he blesses the Bread and Wine.

Come, O Almighty and eternal God

the sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice, prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

Here he blesses the Incense, saying,

May the Lord, by the intercession of the blessed St. Michael, the Archangel standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all his elect, vouchsafe to bless this incense, and receive it as an odour of sweetness. Through, &c. Amen.

Incensing the Bread and Wine, he says,

May this Incense, which thou hast blest, O Lord, ascend to thee, and may thy mercy descend upon us.

Incensing the Altar, he says, Ps. cxi.

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in thy sight; and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Place, O Lord, a guard on my mouth, and a gate of prudence before my lips, that my heart may not wander after words of malice, to seek excuses in sin.

Giving the Censer to the Deacon, he says,

"May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of his love, and the flame of everlasting charity." Amen.

Washing his hands, he says, Ps. xxv. 6.

I will wash my hands amongst the innocent: and will encompass thy altar O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise: and publish all thy marvellous works.

Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the habitation of thy glory.

Destroy not my soul with the impious; and my life with men of bloody minds.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with bribes.

But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My feet have stood in the right path: in the assembly I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Bowing in the midst of the Altar, he says,

Receive, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may be available to their honour and our salvation, and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turning himself towards the People, he says,

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, and to our benefit, and that of his entire holy Church.

At the Secret Prayer, *or* Prayers, *say,*

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation, which we thy servants are making to thee; that as we offer it to the honour of thy name, so it may be to us here the means of obtaining thy grace, and hereafter everlasting happiness. Through, &c.

P. World without end.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have lifted them up to the Lord. P. Let us give thanks to our Lord God. R. It is meet and just.

The common Preface *on Days which have none proper, and in Masses for the Dead.*

It is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty,

eternal God. * Through Christ our Lord: by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim, with common jubilee glorify it. Together with whom we beseech thee, that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

On Trinity Sunday, *and on all other* Sundays *that have no proper Preface,* Vere dignum, *&c. as in the preceding Preface, to* *

* Who, together with thy only begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, and one Lord: not in singularity of one Person, but in Trinity of one substance. For what we believe of thy glory, as thou hast revealed, the same we believe of thy Son and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or distinction. So that in the confession of the true and eternal Deity, we adore a distinction in the Persons, a Unity in the essence, and an Equality in the Majesty. Which the angels and arch-

angels, the cherubim also and seraphim praise, who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice, saying, Holy, &c.

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

WE humbly pray and beseech thee, therefore, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ thy son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these Gifts, these Presents, these holy unspotted Sacrifices, which in the first place we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace: as also to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, and N. as also all orthodox professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, N. and N.

He prays a while in secret, for such as he intends to pray for.

And of all here present, whose faith and devotion is known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves

and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

COMMUNICATING with, and honouring in the first place, the memory of the ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thadeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers, grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spreading his hands over the Oblation, he says,

WE THEREFORE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our servitude, as also of thy whole family, dispose our days in thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine Elect, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Which oblation do thou, O God,

vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept; that it may be made for us the body and blood of thy most beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted up towards heaven, giving thanks to thee, God, his Almighty Father: he blessed it, brake, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

Here, with the Priest, adore the Sacred Host, *and say,*

Most adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. O Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector, strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

In like manner, after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable hands, giving thee also thanks, he blessed it and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and drink ye all of this, for this is the cha*

lice of my blood of the New and Eternal Testament: the Mystery of Faith: which shall be shed for you, and for many, to the remission of sins.

As often as ye do these things ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Here also, adore, when the Priest elevates the Chalice, *and say,*

Most adorable blood! that washeth away all our sins, I adore thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine, O divine Victim! Cleanse, O Jesus! sanctify and preserve our souls to eternal life. Amen.

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, as also thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, his resurrection from the dead, and admirable ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an unspotted Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look, with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as thou wast graciously pleased to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which thy High Priest Melchisedech

offered to thee, a holy Sacrifice and unspotted Victim.

We most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of thy holy angels to thy altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many as shall partake of the most sacred body and blood of thy Son at this altar, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Be mindful, also, O Lord, of thy servants N. and N. who are gone before us with the sign of Faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here particular mention is made of such of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

To these, O Lord, and to all that sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here, striking his Breast, the Priest says,

Also to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy apostles and martyrs: with John. Stephen. Matthias,

Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcelline, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: into whose compa we beseech thee to admit us, not in consideration of our merit, but of thy own gratuitous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these good things. By him, and with him, and in him is to thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory.

P. For ever and ever. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

BEING instructed by thy saving precepts, and following thy divine directions, we presume to say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to

come: and by the intercession of the blessed and ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days: that through the assistance of thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God.

P. World without end.

R. Amen.

P. May the peace of the Lord be always with you. R. And with thy spirit. [*At his breaking and putting part of the Host into the Chalice, say,*] May this mixture and consecration of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, be to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Then bowing and striking his Breast, he says,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace.

In Masses for the DEAD *he says twice,*

Give them rest; *and lastly*, Eternal rest. *The following Prayer is also omitted:*

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy apostles, I leave you peace, I give you my peace, regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will: who livest. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast, by thy death, given life to the world; deliver me by this most sacred body and blood from all my iniquities, and from all evils: make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of, &c. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through thy mercy may it be a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever Amen.

Taking the Host in his Hands, he says,

I will take the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Striking his Breast, he says thrice,

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Receiving both Parts of the Host, he says,

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the Chalice in his Hand, he says,

What return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

Receiving the Blood of our Saviour, he says,

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

Taking the first Ablution, he says,

Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind: that of a temporal gift it may become to us an eternal remedy.

Taking the second Ablution, he says,

May thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood which I have drank, cleave to my bowels: and grant, that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy sacrament. Who livest, &c. Amen.

When the Priest returns to the Book, and reads the Communion, *say,*

Let it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we who have been present at these holy mysteries may find the benefit of them in our soul.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

At the Post Communion say as follows,

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this sacrifice to thy holy name; accept it now to thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness, pardon all our defects, and grant our requests: through, &c.

After the Post Communion, is added the following Prayer for the President, &c.

DEFEND also, O Lord, from all adversity thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, together with the people and army com-

mitted to his care; grant peace in our days, and banish all wickedness from thy Church: through, &c.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Go, you are dismissed, (or) Let us bless the Lord,

R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

P. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.

Bowing before the Altar, the Priest says,

Let the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy mercy be a propitiation for me, and all those for whom it has been offered. Through, &c.

Turning himself towards the People, he gives them his blessing, saying,

May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

P. Our Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. P. The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John. R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel according to St. John.

IN the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. This word was in the be-

ginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came for a testimony, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. He was the true light, which enlightens every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world; and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to as many as received him, he hath given a power to be made the sons of God, to them who believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but who are born of God. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we have seen his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, &c.

The Prayer.

WE beseech thee, O Almighty God, that thy servant the President, who through thy mercy hath undertaken the government of these United States, may also receive an increase of all virtues, wherewith being adorned, he may avoid every enormity of sin, vanquish his enemies, and being rendered acceptable in thy sight, may come at length to thee, who art the way, the truth, and the life. Through, &c.

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

TANTUM, ergo Sacramentum,	TO this mysterious table now,
Veneremur cernui:	Our knees, our hearts, and sense we bow:
Et antiquum documentum,	Let ancient rites resign their place
Novo cedat ritui:	To nobler elements of grace:
Præstet fides supplementum,	And faith for all defects supply
Sensuum defectui.	Whilst sense is lost in mystery.
Genitori, genitoque,	To God the Father born of none,
Laus et jubilatio:	To Christ his coeternal Son,

Salus, honor, virtus, quoque,
Sit et + benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cœlo, præstitisti eis. *Alleluia.*

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. *Alleluia.*

And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, be equal praise:
One honour, jubilee, and fame,
For ever bless his glorious name.—Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. *Alleluia.*

R. Replenished with all delights. *Alleluia.*

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis, sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui, sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast left us, in this wonderful sacrament, a perpetual memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, as always to find in our souls the fruits of thy redemption. Who livest.

At the Benediction is sometimes sung the following Hymn:

O Salutaris hostia,
Qui cœli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uno trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.

Or this Prose:

AVE verum corpus natum de Maria virgine,	HAIL, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Vere passum immolatum, in cruce pro homine.	Which truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine.	From whose side, being pierced, issued water and blood.
Esto nobis prægustatum mortis in examine.	Be to us a comfort at the hour of death.
O clemens, O pie!	O merciful, O good!
O Jesu, fili Mariæ! Amen.	O Jesus, Son of Mary! Amen.

The words of BLOSIUS: O Pelagus sanctæ Dilectionis.

O OCEAN of sweetness and divine love, my God, make haste, and give thyself to me, that I may worthily give myself back again to thee. Let me never rest here, but be ever soaring up to thee, that in thee I may rest, and breathe forth my soul with an entire heart, a full desire, and a most flaming affection. Let me ever prefer thee, my God, to all the creatures of the world; and for the love of thee, let me renounce all things of a transitory delight, O thou only and true joy of my soul! Feed me, O Lord, at the sacred table of thy divinity: this only thing I beg: I desire that a most ardent and vehement love may penetrate my soul, and so replenish it, that it may be totally changed into thee. O most sweet Redeemer! grant that I may be inflamed with the love of thee: and may the fire of divine love totally consume me, that I may live only in the sweet fruition of thee, my God. Let me not feel, or know any other object than thee alone. O overflowing sea of the most sacred divinity! draw me to thyself and drown me there; take from me all the affections of my heart, and so apply them to

thyself that I may be perfectly dead to all other objects but thee, O my God!

A Thanksgiving after Mass.

Anth. Let us sing the Hymn of the three children, which was sung by those saints in the fiery furnace, blessing the Lord, and inviting all creatures to praise Almighty God, (Dan. iii.)

ALL ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and extol him for ever.

Bless the Lord, ye angels of the Lord; ye heavens of the Lord:

All the waters that are above the heavens, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye powers of the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: stars of heavens, bless the Lord.

Showers and dew, bless ye the Lord all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: cold and summer, bless the Lord.

Dews and hoary frost, bless ye the Lord: frost and cold, bless ye the Lord.

Ice and snow, bless ye the Lord: nights and days, bless the Lord.

Light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord: let it praise and extol him for ever.

Mountains and little hills. bless ye

the Lord: all things that spring up in the earth, bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord, ye fountains: seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye fowls of the air.

All beasts and cattle, bless the Lord: sons of men, bless ye the Lord.

Let Israel bless the Lord: let it praise and extol him for ever.

Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Spirits and souls of the just, bless ye the Lord: ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise him and extol him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the son, with the Holy Ghost: let us praise and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: and praised and glorified, and extolled for ever.

Psalm cl.

PRAISE the Lord in his saints, praise him in the firmament of his strength.

Praise him for the mighty things he has done; praise him for his greatness, which hath no bounds.

Praise him in the sound of trumpet: praise him on the psalter and harp.

Praise him on timbrel and in choir. praise him on strings and organs.

Praise him on well sounding cymbals: praise him on cymbals of joy: let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Let us sing, &c. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, &c. V. And lead us not into temptation, R. But deliver us from evil. V. Let all thy works, O Lord, confess thee. R. And let thy saints bless thee. V. The saints shall rejoice in glory. R. They shall rejoice in their beds. V. Not to us, O Lord, not to us. R. But to thy name give glory. V. Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come to thee. V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst mitigate the fiery flames to the three children: mercifully grant, that we thy servants may not be consumed by the flames of vice.

Prevent, O Lord, we beseech thee, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance that all our prayers and

works may ever begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may extinguish the flames of our vices, who gavest strength to blessed Laurence to overcome the burning heat of his torments; through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c

DEVOTIONS.

For Confession and Communion.

GOD, who wills not the death, but the repentance of a sinner, has, in the sacrament of penance, mercifully provided Christians with the means whereby they may obtain pardon of their sins, and be again restored to the favour of their heavenly Father, which they had forfeited by their offences. So that, whoever is conscious to himself of having provoked the anger of God by his sins, ought diligently to apply himself to seek a reconciliation with him in the manner himself has prescribed and commanded. But then it ought to be his principal care, sincerely to perform all that is exacted of him, with a seriousness proportioned to the greatness of the work he is engaged in; ever remembering, that as mercy and pardon are promised to those who perform it worthily, so nothing less than

a dreadful curse is pronounced against all those that do it negligently.

A Prayer before the Examination of Conscience.

I AM perfectly sensible, O my God, that I have many ways offended thy divine Majesty, and provoked thy wrath by my sins; and that if I obtain not pardon, I shall be cast out of thy sight for ever; I desire therefore at present to call myself to an account, and look into all the sins whereby I have displeased thee: but O my God, how miserably shall I deceive myself, if thou assist me not in this work by thy heavenly light. Grant me therefore at present thy grace, whereby I may discover all my imperfections,—see all my failings,—and duly call to mind all my sins,—for I know that nothing is hidden from thy sight. But I confess myself in the dark as to my own failings: my passions blind me, self-love flatters me, presumption deludes me; and though I have many sins which stare me in the face, and cannot be hidden yet how many too are there quite concealed from me! But discover even those to me, O Lord; enlighten my darkness, cure my blindness, and remove every veil that hides my sins from

me, that I may be no longer a secret to myself, nor a stranger to my own failings; nor ever flatter myself with the thoughts of having repented, and at the same time nourish folly and vice within my breast. Come, Holy Ghost, and by a beam of thy divine light illumine my understanding, that I may have a perfect view of all my sins and iniquities, and that, sincerely repenting of them, I may know thee, and be again received into thy favour.

A Method of Examination of Conscience, according to the threefold Duty we owe; 1. To God. 2. To our Neighbour. 3. To ourselves.

I. *In relation to God.*

HAVE you omitted morning or evening prayer, or neglected to make your daily examination of conscience?—Have you prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions? 2. Have you spent your time, especially on Sundays and holidays, not in sluggishly lying a-bed, or in any sort of idle entertainment, but in reading, praying, or other pious exercises; and taken care that those under your charge have done the like, and not wanted the instructions necessary for their condition, nor time for prayer, or to prepare for the sacraments?—

3. Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you taken his name in vain, or told untruths? 4. Have you omitted your duty through human respect, interest, compliance, &c.? 5. Have you been zealous for God's honour, for justice, virtue, an truth, and reproved such as act other wise? 6. Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness, &c.? Have you faithfully resisted thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption, impurity, &c.?

II. *In relation to your Neighbour.*

1. Have you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands, or spoken of them contemptuously? 2. Have you been troubled, peevish, or impatient, when told of your faults, and not corrected them? Have you scorned the good advice of others, or censured their proceedings? 3. Have you offended any one by injurious threatening words or actions? 4. Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction; or in any matter of importance? 5. Or spread any report, true or false, that exposed your neighbour to contempt, or made him undervalued? 6. Have you, by carrying stories backward and forward, created discord and

misunderstanding between neighbours? 7. Have you been froward or peevish towards any one in your carriage, speech, or conversation? 8. Or taken pleasure to vex, mortify, or provoke them to swear, curse, or any ways offend God? 9. Have you mocked or reproached them for their corporal or spiritual imperfections? 10. Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care, or been wanting in giving them just reproof? 11. Have you borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsel? 12. Have you been solicitous for such as are under your charge; and provided for their souls and bodies?

III. *In relation to yourself.*

1. Have you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion in things either indifferent, dangerous, or scandalous? 2 Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity? 3. Have you indulged yourself in overmuch ease, or any ways yielded to sensuality? 4. Has your conversation been edifying and moderate; or have you been froward, proud, or troublesome to others? 5. Have you spent over-much time in play, or

useless employments, and thereby omitted, or put off your devotions to unseasonable times?

If such as confess often, fall into any of the more grievous sins not here mentioned, their own memory will easily suggest them; since it is impossible for a tender soul to forget any mortal offence, which must of necessity afflict her, and therefore it may not be necessary for them to turn over the following table of sins, which is chiefly intended for general confessions.

An Examination for Confession.

The First Commandment is broken,

First, by Sins against Faith.

1. To be ignorant of the principal mysteries of Christianity; of the Creed, of the Commandments of God, and his church, or of the Sacraments. 2. Wilfully to doubt, or obstinately to err in any point of faith. 3. To have delayed embracing the true faith, out of human respect, interest, fear, &c. 4. To favour heretics, or wicked men, in supporting or approving their opinions or actions. 5. To endanger our faith by reading their books with pleasure. 6. To examine divine mysteries with curiosity, and secrets of Provi-

dence by pure human reason. 7. To contemn or deride holy things. 8. To abuse the words of the holy scripture, by perverting them to a wicked or profane sense, making them subservient to jests, or other ill purposes. 9. To desire to know things to come, which belong to God alone, or things past, or present, which are hid from us, and for this end to employ unlawful means, as *fortune-tellers*, or other superstitious inventions. 10. To give credit to dreams, or make superstitious observations; to employ prayers or sacred names to ill uses; to use charms, &c.

Secondly, by Sins against hope.

1. By distrusting the mercies of God, and despairing of the pardon of our sins. 2. By presuming on God's goodness, without the least concern of amendment. 3. By deferring our conversion or repentance till the end of life. 4. By exposing ourselves to the danger of offending God either by company, reading, or otherwise, which is called tempting God. 5. By exposing ourselves without necessity to some corporal danger; as sickness, wounds, or death. 6. By neglecting the remedies which God has appointed in these

dangers, as physic for the body, or prayer and the sacraments for the soul.

Thirdly, by Sins against Charity.

1. By not loving God above all things, but rather choosing wilfully to offend him, than suffer any loss of honour, riches, &c. 2. By preferring the love of men before the love of God; or offending him through fear of being jeered or slighted. 3. By omitting our duty through shame, or human respect. 4. By thinking seldom of God, or being ashamed to speak of him; or by not hearkening to his inspirations, by forgetting his benefits, or neglecting to give him thanks.

Fourthly, by Sins against Religion.

1. By not adoring God, or praying to him but seldom. 2. By praying without attention, and with wilful distractions. 3. By a want of respect to God in time of prayer; or by talking, or being present in holy places, without a becoming modesty and gravity in our looks, words, and actions.

Fifthly, by Sins against the Care we ought to have of our Salvation.

1. By a love of idleness. 2. By being too solicitous in temporal concerns, and neglecting the means of salvation. 3. By deferring amendment of life, or

immediately desisting, after having begun it. 4. By neglecting the means of salvation; as the sacraments, prayer good works, or performing them without devotion.

The Second Commandment is broken,

1. BY taking the name of God in vain. 2. By swearing to what one knows, or doubts to be false. 3. By swearing to what is unjust, or prejudicial to others. 4. By swearing without necessity, though the thing itself be true and just. 5. By blaspheming God or holy things. 6. By cursing one's self, or others, or taking pleasure in hearing others swear or curse; or by provoking them to it. 7. By not reprehending them when one could and ought. 8. By making a vow to do what is impossible to fulfil; or to do what is evil and displeasing to God; or to do what one never intends to perform. 9. By breaking lawful vows, or deferring to fulfil them without just cause.

The Third Commandment is broken,

1. BY doing servile works on Sunday, or causing others to do the like without necessity. 2. By employing a considerable part of Sundays or holidays in temporal affairs, as is often the case with merchants, advocates, solicitors,

&c. 3. By omitting to hear Mass, or not hearing it with due attention and reverence. 4. By spending Sundays and holidays in idleness, gaming, dancing, feasting, and other recreations. 5. By not dedicating a considerable part of those days to reading and praying, and by not taking care that those under your charge do the like.

The Fourth Commandment is broken,

I. 1. By children not paying due respect to their parents, or by despising them, either in their hearts or actions. 2. By not loving them, but wishing their death, or some misfortune; or by forsaking them in their necessities. 3. By not cheerfully obeying them; or by obeying them in things unlawful. 4. By slighting their representations, and resisting their corrections. 5. By putting them into a passion, and not taking care to pacify them. 6. By not executing their last will and testament, or by delaying to do so.

II. By servants. 1. By disobeying their masters. 2. By a want of diligence in the trust that is required of them. 3. By neglecting the reasonable and just interests of their masters or employers. 4. By letting them sustain any kind of loss, through their sloth,

neglect, &c. 5. By obeying them in things unlawful; as lying, swearing, stealing, &c.

III. By parents not discharging their duty towards their children. 1. In not loving them, and supplying their corporal necessities. 2. In not being careful of their salvation. 3. In not correcting them when it is necessary; in flattering their passions, or indulging their evil inclinations. 4. In treating them with too much severity. 5. In not setting them good example. 6. In forcing them in the choice of their state of life.

IV. By masters. 1. In not taking due care to regulate the life and conversation of their servants. 2. In not being watchful over them, to reprehend their faults; make them say their prayers; go to Mass on Sundays and holidays, and frequent the sacraments. 3. In commanding them to do something evil. 4. In treating them injuriously. 5. In not paying them their wages.

The Fifth Commandment is broken,

I. BY anger, quarrelling, or threatening; or by injurious or reproachful words or actions against our neighbours. 2. By revenge, or deliberate thoughts or desires of revenge. 3. By

provoking, striking, challenging, wounding, or being the cause of another's death. 4. By bearing malice, refusing to salute or speak to any neighbour out of hatred or aversion, or refusing to be reconciled to him.

The Sixth Commandment is broken,

I. BY the *hearing*.—In willingly giving ear to immodest words, discourses, songs, &c.

II. By the *sight*.—1. In looking on immodest objects. 2. In reading or keeping immodest books; lending them to others; or neglecting to suppress them when we may.

III. By the *tongue*.—1. In speaking immodest words. 2. in relating improper stories or wicked actions of ourselves or others.

IV. By the *touch*.—In using indecent actions.

V. By *thoughts*.—By entertaining impure thoughts wilfully and with delight.

VI. By *immodest actions*.—1. In committing the sin of impurity; and whether effected by soliciting, seducing with promises, or forcing; whether it be fornication, adultery, or incest. 2. In sins against nature.

The Seventh Commandment is broken,

1. BY taking another's goods, and to what value. 2. By retaining what we know belongs to another. 3. By denying our debts, or wilfully delaying payment, to the prejudice of our neighbours. 4. By making unjust bargains or contracts, into which every trade or profession ought to make a strict inquiry. 5. By causing any damage to our neighbours. 6. By putting off false and counterfeit money. 7. By desiring another's property. 8. By not giving alms when necessity requires. 9. By not paying dues to your pastors, or by not contributing to the decent support of religious worship. 10. By simony.

The Eighth Commandment is broken,

1. BY witnessing what is false, or defending a false accusation, as in lawyers and solicitors; or condemning the innocent, or discharging the guilty, as judges and arbitrators. 2. By detraction, either in laying something false to another's charge, or reporting for truth what is merely doubtful; or in revealing something as yet secret and unknown, though true, to the prejudice of some third person; with a declaration, whether it be done out of levity and indiscretion, or out of malice

or ill-will; whether in the presence of many, or in a matter of importance. 3. By lying, or speaking what we judge to be otherwise than we say: whether out of custom, or to the considerable prejudice of others. 4. By hypocrisy, which is a lie in action.

The Ninth and Tenth are broken,

BY all unlawful and wilful desires of impurity and theft: which have been already mentioned in the sixth and seventh commandments.

The Precepts of the Church.

I. TO keep certain appointed days holy, with the obligation of hearing Mass, and resting from servile works. II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting. III. To confess our sins to our pastors at least once a year. IV. To receive the blessed sacrament at Easter, or thereabouts. V. To contribute to the support of our pastors.

☞ The examination on these precepts being very easy, we therefore proceed to

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

The Sin of Pride consists,

1. IN entertaining too great an opinion of ourselves, or in valuing ourselves above our deserts. 2. In

publishing what we think good in our selves, that we may be esteemed by others. 3. In arrogance, by attributing to ourselves the good we have not. 4. In presumption and ambition, by confiding too much in our own strength, conceiting ourselves capable of accomplishing things above our abilities, and in rashly attempting them. 5. In contempt of others, on account of the good opinion we have of ourselves, and when this contempt is manifested by words or actions, or by being severe, and exacting on inferiors. 6. In want of submission to our superiors, by disobeying them, blaming their conduct, or murmuring against them. 7. In not acknowledging our faults; or when, in confessing the facts, we maintain we have done well, or at least allege false excuses. 8. In contempt of admonitions and corrections. 9. In discord. 10. In hypocrisy. 11. In curiosity, which inclines us to know things prejudicial to our salvation. 12. By ingratitude for God's benefits.

☞ The sins of covetousness, luxury, and sloth, have been already examined, in the first, sixth, and seventh commandments.

The Sin of Gluttony,

In eating and drinking to excess, as far as they are prejudicial, either to our health or our reason, or any ways scandalous, or of ill example to others.

The Sin of Envy.

1. Trouble at the good success of our neighbour, or when we endeavour to do him an unkindness, or speak often against him, or create an ill opinion of him in the mind of another. 2. When we rejoice at our neighbour's harm.

The Sin of Anger.

1. Not to endure any thing contrary to our inclinations. 2. To suffer ourselves to be hurried away by the emotions of wrath against those that give us any trouble. 3. To proceed to quarrels, injurious language, oaths, curses, threats; to take revenge, or to desire and wish to be in a capacity of exercising it. 4. To refuse to pardon injuries, or to be reconciled to our enemies, or to such of our neighbour with whom we have had some misunderstanding, or falling out.

A Prayer for obtaining contrition.

I HAVE now here before me, O Lord, a sad prospect of the manifold offences whereby I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which I am assured

will appear in judgment against me, if, by repentance and a hearty sorrow, my soul be not prepared to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow and this repentance, O Lord, must be the free gift of thy mercy, without which all my endeavours will be in vain, and I shall be for ever miserable. Have pity therefore on me, O merciful Father, and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins: grant me true contrition, that I may bewail my base ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded by a false sorrow, as I fear I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect: but let it now be thy gift, descending from thee, the Father of Lights, that so my repentance may be accompanied by an amendment and a change of life, that being thus acquitted from the guilt of my sins, I may once more be received into the number of thy servants. Amen.

Prayers before Confession.

HAVE pity on me, O God, and let me partake of the effects of thy great mercy. I here acknowledge, and am sensible of the multitude and enormity of my sins. It is thou, O my

God, perfidious creature as I am, whom I have offended, it is against thee that I have rebelled. To follow my pleasures, and indulge my passions, I have abandoned thee, and lost thy grace; I, whom thou hast created to thine own likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, have, by my sins, made my soul resemble those monsters of ingratitude, the infernal spirits; like them, I have forfeited heaven, my blessed country, and deserved hell and damnation, which I shall never be able to escape without the assistance of thy boundless mercy. The injury I have offered thee, O, Lord, is so great, that it caused thy Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to suffer death. How, then, O my God! how can I sufficiently deplore so great an evil! Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, that I may incessantly deplore my misery and malice, and do penance for my sin!

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, to whom are due all honour and glory: behold I (a miserable and unworthy sinner, who have hitherto lived in ingratitude and rebellion) come to thee, my Creator, my God, my Redeemer, my merciful Judge and my Saviour, ac-

cusing myself, and laying before thee all the abominations by which I have blasphemed thy sacred name, transgressed thy precepts, contemned thy will, and defiled both my soul and body. O my God, when I behold my misery, and consider how often I have abused thy gifts and blessings, despised thy goodness, neglected thy service, added daily sin to sin, and preferred myself, my passions, and other creatures, to my duty, and thy commands, I cannot but consider myself as unworthy either to lift up my eyes to heaven, or appear in thy presence. But whither, O Lord my God, shall I flee from thy face? Where shall I conceal myself from thy anger? Who can restore me to thy favour? It is only from thy goodness that I can expect so great a blessing: for art not thou my Father, whose mercies are infinite, and whose compassion knows no bounds? And I, though unworthy of the name of thy child, acknowledge no other Father but thee. Wherefore I prostrate myself at the feet of thy mercy, and beseech thee, by thy almighty power, goodness, and wisdom, to pardon, purify, and acquit me from the guilt of all my sins. Receive me again into thy favour, O Lord, and con

firm me in all good, that my soul, being entirely possessed by thee, may be prepared for glory. And that my petition may find acceptance, I appeal to thee, sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, the Advocate and Mediator betwixt us sinners and thy Father, humbly beseeching thee through that infinite charity which brought thee from heaven to the ignominy of the cross, and thy precious blood spilt thereon, that I may now partake of the benefit of thy sufferings, and be cleansed from all my offences: that by thy assistance I may sincerely repent and amend of all my failings: that dying to myself and the world, I may live only to thee, and never suffer either passion or pleasure to divide me from thee any more.

ALAS, my Father and my God, how comes it to pass that I should have so often offended thee! Thou seest, O Lord, neither goodness nor health in me; have mercy therefore on me, for I have sinned against thee. Heal my soul, O Lord, for thou only art my hope and strength. Alas, my God, how many and dangerous are my wounds! how great my weakness and misery, for the curing of which thou wast crucified and slain: and to whom shall I

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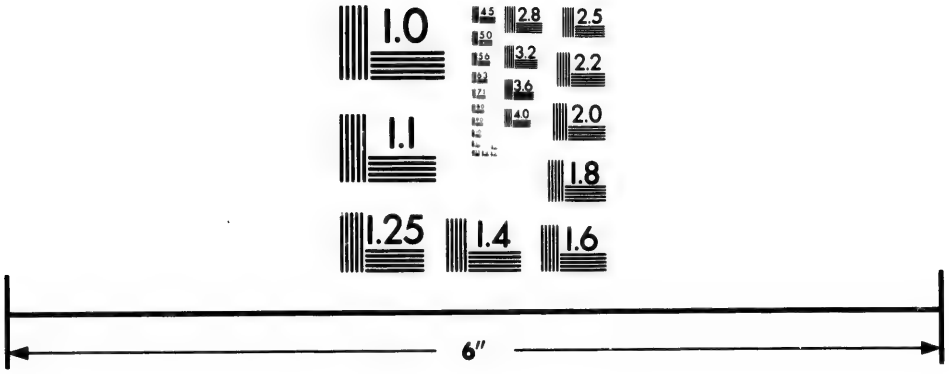

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complain of all these my evils, if not to thee, O Lord, the Saviour and Redeemer of my soul? Be merciful, therefore, to me a sinner, sweet Jesus! for nothing is more pleasing to thee than to have compassion on those that are miserable. Restore me to thy favour; receive me again into thy friendship, and cast me not off on account of my offences; for what can I, miserable creature, do, but offend? And what canst thou, O, infinite Goodness, do, but have mercy and spare? Spare me, therefore, according to thy infinite goodness, and grant me now tears of sincere repentance, that I may mourn for the evils I have committed. Grant that I may sincerely grieve for having sinned against thee, my God, my Creator and Redeemer. Soften my hardened breast, and inflame my frozen heart, that I may, with unfeigned sorrow, repent for not loving, nay, for despising and offending thee. What shall I, most miserable and wicked creature, do, O God, to serve thee? Whilst I behold myself, I see no hopes of amendment; all my confidence and hopes of mercy are in thee. Help me, therefore, O Lord, and be thou the strength of my soul, that I may from this moment de-

test and forsake all my past evils; that I may conquer my passions, reform all my bad habits, and by a true change of life and manners, be entirely united to thee, and with thee live for ever. Amen.

TO thee, O merciful Jesus, in the bitterness of my soul I come, beseeching thee to have compassion on me, and deliver me from my sins: despise not, O God, the cries of thy lost sheep; reject not the sighs of thy prodigal child, who desires to return home to thee, and to be received again into the number of thy servants. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed, and detest them here in thy presence: because I love thee above all things, and honour thee as my gracious God, worthy of infinite love. And for this reason I now firmly purpose to suffer all evils, nay, even death itself, rather than willingly consent to sin. I resolve to make an exact confession of all my offences, faithfully to discharge whatever shall be enjoined for my punishment or amendment, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin And if any thing be wanting of true contrition to this my sorrow, may thy sacred passion, O blessed Jesus, thy precious blood and infinite merits, supply all the defects of my weakness: for

it is in thy death I place all my trust through thee I firmly hope to obtain pardon of all my sins, grace to overcome my vicious customs, and perseverance to the end in the good resolutions I have now made in thy presence. As, therefore, it is by thee I come to the knowledge of my misery, so it is by thee my good purpose and sorrow for my offences must be perfected. May the fire, therefore, of divine love now inflame my soul, and consume therein whatever is displeasing to thy infinite goodness. Sanctify my heart—purify my affections and desires—that dying to myself, I may ever live to thee, and at length depart this life in thy grace and favour. Amen.

☞ *Such as go to confession over-night, or otherwise have leisure, may use the following Aspirations, either before or after confession, with benefit to their souls:*

II MY Lord and my God, I sincerely acknowledge myself a vile and wretched sinner, unworthy to appear in thy presence; but do thou have mercy on me and save me.

O God, my sovereign good, how far have I wandered from thee by my sins!

How long have I dwelt at a distance from thee in the region of misery, where I had quite lost myself.

Most loving Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am unworthy to be called thy child; make me as one of thy servants, and may I for the future be ver faithful to thee.

It truly grieves me, O my God, to have sinned, and so many times transgressed thy law: but wash me now from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

I detest my sins, O Lord: I abhor my wickedness: I confess my ingratitude, and seek refuge in thy mercy.

From this moment I purpose never more to offend thee: O let me suffer all kinds of pain and infamy, nay, even death itself, rather than return to my former course of life, and live thy enemy.

Loving Father, assist me by thy grace, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and not suffer my sins to go unpunished.

I have wandered like a sheep that is gone astray; but I hear thy sweet voice crying after me, in the most affectionate manner imaginable, "Come, dear soul, thou hast gone after many lovers, but

return to me, and I will receive thee yet again." *Jer.* iii.

II. Now I begin, O Lord, now I begin to live, not trusting in my own strength, or in the resolutions I make, but in the multitude of thy mercies.

Perfect, O God, the work which thou hast now begun in me. Thou hast given me peace and understanding; but, wretched sinner that I am, how ungratefully have I abused all thy gifts! And yet now, with all the tenderness of a loving Father, thou recallest me from sin, and rescuest me from hell and everlasting damnation.

Alas! my soul is full of anguish and confusion at the recollection of the many sins whereby I have offended thee, my merciful Redeemer, made myself a slave to the devil, and provoked thy anger.

O that I had never transgressed thy commandments, nor fallen into such an abyss of misery and calamity! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls who have preserved their innocence: O that I had been so happy!

But now I am resolved, with the help of thy grace, to be more watchful over myself, to amend my failings, and fulfil thy law. Look down on me with the

eyes of mercy, O God, and blot out my sins.

Forgive me what is past, and, through the bowels of thy infinite goodness, secure me by thy most efficacious grace against all my wonted failings for the time to come.

Alas! how slothful and careless have I hitherto been! I have deferred my repentance, rejected thy helps, contemned thy visits, and been deaf to thy calls: Lord, what shall I do? or what course shall I take? It grieves me from my heart that I have ever offended thee; but do thou vouchsafe to have mercy on me, O sovereign Lord of my life.

Behold thou seest nothing good nor wholesome in my soul. I am blind and miserable, and without thee, O God, I can do nothing.

III. My sins surpass in number the sands of the sea, and I confess myself, O Lord, unworthy of thy mercy; but thy goodness is above all my offences.

Thou hast declared, O Lord, that there is joy in heaven for the conversion of a sinner: grant me, then, the grace of true repentance, and let heaven rejoice at my amendment.

Thou willest not the death of a sinner but that he be converted and live: grant me then that spiritual life which I want. for behold, O Lord, I sincerely desire to live to thee.

Thou didst come, O dear Redeemer. not to call the just, but sinners to repentance: behold a most miserable sinner here before thee: O draw him most powerfully to thee.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. Sprinkle me with thy precious blood, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Dear Redeemer of my soul, how long turnest thou thy face from me, and bringest no relief to my sorrows!

Behold the prodigal child, nay worse than the prodigal: but do thou, O Father, vouchsafe to have compassion on me! clothe me with the robes of thy grace, and receive me into the arms of thy mercy.

Let not thy precious blood, my dear Saviour, be shed for me in vain; but may it now bring forth in me the fruit of

sincere repentance, and open to me the way to life everlasting.

IV. How great is thy goodness, O Lord, in having so long spared such a worthless servant, and waited with so much patience for his amendment! Ah, what return shall I make for thy infinite mercies? O let this mercy be added to the rest, that I may never more offend thee: this single favour I earnestly beg of thee, O Lord, viz. that I may, for the future, *renounce my own way to follow hine.*

Come, Lord, take possession of my heart, and cast out thence whatever thou knowest profanes or defiles this thy temple;—destroy and eradicate all that displeaseth thee; and lay therein the foundation of a new life.

I confess I have sinned; but if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole. Heal, most loving Father, this my soul.

O that I were free from all vice! that I could regulate my senses, govern my thoughts, and moderate my affections. O that I were truly composed and orderly both within and without! But when shall I be thus happy, when thus pure in thy sight! Lord, I will labour and take pains to reform myself, and I

beg thy assistance for this work: but if I find not that good effect I desire, I will still persevere in my duty, and wait with patience and humility till thou shalt please to give a blessing to my endeavours. Help me, O Lord my God, and have compassion on my sinfu soul. Amen.

At Confession.

Here you should reflect upon the measures which you ought to take for an entire amendment of your life, considering well what have been the occasions of your sins? What circumstances are apt to prove dangerous to you? What precautions you ought to take against those dangers in future? What pious exercises you ought to practise daily? When, and how often, approach the Sacraments, &c.

When you find yourself heartily sorry for having offended God, and fully determined for the time to come to amend your life, and avoid all mortal sins, and the immediate occasions of them, then humbly approach the tribunal of Penance, and kneeling by the Priest, make the sign of the Cross, and ask his blessing, saying, "Father, bless me, for I have sinned." *After receiving the blessing, say the Confiteor*

to "mea maxima culpa, through my most grievous fault:" *and then begin a plain, entire, and discreet confession of your sins, thus:* "since my last confession, which was a week, a fortnight, or a month, ago, I have, or I have not complied with my penance, and I accuse myself that,—" *avoiding superfluous accusations, or irrelevant matter, neither obscuring your offences by ambiguous expressions, nor concealing any mortal sin, or any circumstance which either aggravates its heinousness, or changes its nature, mention how often you have committed it, and fail not to state whether it be habitual. Having sincerely declared all you can remember, conclude thus:* for these and all my other sins and imperfections, which I cannot call to mind, I am heartily sorry, purpose amendment for the future, and humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of you, my ghostly Father." *Then humbly bowing down, finish the Confiteor, saying,* "Therefore, I beseech thee," &c.

This being concluded, you must listen attentively to the instructions of the Priest, accept with humility the penance he enjoins, and whilst he im

parts absolution, renew your sorrow making an act of contrition, or repeating the following prayer:

"O merciful God, as, at the words of thy Angel, the chains fell from the feet of St. Peter, and he was immediately restored to liberty, so grant, that by the words of this holy Sacrament, pronounced by the Priest, the chains of my sins may be loosed, and all my offences pardoned. Amen.

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

"Thou, who sufferedst for me, have mercy on me."

Prayers after Confession.

I RETURN thee thanks, O loving Father, for having admitted me into this sacrament, wherein suffering thy mercy to take place of thy justice, thou hast cast all my sins out of thy sight. Grant me now thy grace, O Lord, that by sincere and perfect contrition, my repentance may be like that of David and Peter, that my offences being effectually remitted, I may hereafter continue faithful in thy service. But this I cannot do, unless with the aid of thy grace; for without it my soul will remain barren and dry, like earth without

water. I am perfectly sensible of my own weakness and inability to do any thing that is good, or acceptable to thee. The only consolation and confidence I have is to raise up my eyes to my Jesus, to his tears and sufferings; that thy justice being appeased thereby, thou mayest open to me the gates of mercy, and receive me into thy favour. Look down, therefore, on me, with an eye of pity, and have compassion on my miseries. O meek and merciful Lord! strike this hard and obdurate heart of mine, that it may burst forth into a fountain of healing waters,—the waters of sincere contrition, wherewith my soul may be cleansed and purified. Perfect the work thou hast begun in me, for I am thy creature, and grant that the confession I have made may be acceptable in thy sight, and that whatever is wanting towards its perfection through my weakness, may be supplied by thy infinite goodness and mercy. Thy mercy therefore I implore, and through it beg pardon of all my sins; firmly purposing in thy presence to avoid every thing that may be displeasing to thee, and to apply myself with all diligence to the practice of virtue. I hope thou wilt not refuse me thy assistance, since thou

O Lord, hast promised never to forsake those that trust in thee. Permit my heart to be no longer hurried away by the follies of this life, nor to experience my own weakness in my wonted relapses. It is high time I should be converted from my evil ways, forsake my errors, and amend my failings; since hitherto, alas! so many days and years have elapsed in good purposes, but with very little improvement of my soul. Command, therefore, O sovereign Lord my rebellious heart, and force it to a compliance with thy law. Break all my passions, rule my affections, direct my desires strengthen my good endeavours, and give ear now to thy unworthy servant. Let not my wickedness make thee forget thy goodness; for though my sins cry aloud for justice, yet thou still hast mercy, whereby thou canst save, and once more receive me into thy favour, my God, my Lord, and al my hope, who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

O GOD of mercy, having now, through thy gracious goodness, disburdened my conscience of the guilt wherewith it was oppressed, and, in the humblest manner I was able, discovered all the sins I could recollect, to thy minister,

my ghostly father, I most humbly beseech thee to accept this confession, and forgive me all my trespasses, as well those I have forgot as those I have remembered. Grant me grace, O Lord, to live more carefully hereafter, and to abstain from my former vices, which I utterly detest, firmly purposing never to be guilty of them any more. But especially, O most merciful and bountiful Saviour, enable me to withstand those temptations with which I am most infested, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee for the future. If the just man fall seven times in the day, how much more reason have I to be jealous of myself, O Lord, and to fear that I shall not be steadfast in my resolutions, having, through my own frailty and vicious customs, increased the natural blindness and weakness in which I was born. Yet, O Lord, I firmly purpose, through thy merciful assistance, never to consent to any mortal sin, from which I humbly beseech thee to preserve me whilst I live: and, as to my venial sins and imperfections, I resolve to strive against them, and hope, through thy goodness, at length, to amend them.

An Act of Faith.

MY Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that thou art really present in the blessed Sacrament: I believe it contains thy body and blood, thy soul and divinity. I acknowledge these truths; I believe these wonders; I adore thy power, which has wrought them; I praise thy infinite goodness, which has prepared them for me; and, with David, "*I will praise thee, my God, with my whole heart, and will recount all thy admirable works; I will rejoice in thee, and bless thy holy name.*" In this faith, and with this acknowledgment, I presume to approach this adorable banquet, wherein thou bestowest on me the divine food of thy body and blood, to satiate my soul with thyself and thy holy spirit. Grant, O Jesus, that I may approach thee with such a profound sense of reverence and humility, as is due to thy infinite Majesty. Who am I, O God, that thou shouldst work such wonders for my sake. Grant O Lord, that I be not altogether unworthy of them, and that I may now receive thee with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and a sincere and lively faith Pardon my sins, which have ren-

dered me most unworthy to approach thee: I detest them from the bottom of my heart, because they are displeasing to thee, my God; I renounce them for ever, and promise to be faithful to thee. Take courage, then, my soul, raise thyself up: go and receive thy God, and with him all the favours he has prepared for thee in this divine sacrament.

An Act of Hope.

IN thee, sweet Jesus, I place all my hope, because thou alone art my salvation, my strength, my refuge, and the foundation of all my happiness; and were it not for the confidence I place in thy merits, and in the precious blood wherewith thou didst redeem me, I would not presume to partake of this banquet. Encouraged therefore by thy goodness, behold I come to thee as a poor and infirm sheep to its shepherd; as one sick to his physician; as a condemned criminal to his powerful intercessor: that, as the true shepherd of my soul, thou mayest strengthen me; heal me, as my physician: and, as my merciful advocate, deliver me from the sentence of sin and death. I, who am an abyss of nothing, invoke thee, who art the abyss of all goodness: for though my sins are innumerable, and very

grievous, yet they are but light and trivial, when compared to thy boundless mercy, and the infinite ransom of thy blood. It is in this mercy, then, O Lord, that I put all my trust; and am pleased that I can find nothing in myself wherein to hope, that so I may put my whole trust in thee. Have pity therefore, on me, my Jesus, and save me, for thou forsakest none that place their hopes in thee.

An Act of Charity.

HOW strong was the force of thy love, my dear Redeemer, when being about to depart out of this world to thy eternal Father, thou providest for us this divine banquet, enriched with all heavenly sweetness! Ah! it was through the wonderful effects of thy divine goodness, that thou didst humble thyself to such an excess for our redemption, as to take upon thee the infirmity of our nature. And is it not through an infinite excess of thy love, that thou hast left us thy body and blood for the food and nourishment of our souls: that, as thou didst unite thyself to our humanity, so we might here be made partakers of thy divinity! In return for this thy infinite love, I desire to love thee, my Jesus, who art

my only comfort in this place of banishment, the only hope of my infirm soul, and happiness above all I can enjoy in this life. I love thee, my God, with my whole heart, with my whole soul, with all my mind, and all my strength; and wish, that as every moment is an increase of my life, so it may be also of my love towards thee. I desire, with all the affections and powers of my soul, that as the utmost thanks are due, so they may be returned to thee, by all the faithful, for this divine food, which is our refreshment, support, strength, armour, and defence in all our miseries; and that my love may never cease, inflame my heart with the fire of heaven, that it may continue burning, till nature and corruption being weakened and consumed, I may at length be transformed into thee. Come, O Lord! hasten to release me once more from the bonds of sin, and prepare me for the blessing thou art now about to bestow on me.

An act of Desire.

AS the wearied hart thirsts after the fountains of water, so doth my soul pant after thee, my Saviour! my Lord! and my Jesus! It ardently longs to drink of those fountains, which thy

love has opened for its comfort and relief. Tired, therefore, with my own evil ways, I now return hungry and thirsty, crying out aloud, have mercy on me, O Son of God, and permit me to taste of thy banquet, that my soul may be refreshed. O that I had the affections of the heavenly spirits, that my soul might truly languish after thee, the fountain of life, of wisdom, and of eternal light; the impetuous torrent of celestial happiness! O that my soul did truly hunger after thee, the bread of angels, the food of blessed souls, and that all that is within me might be delighted with the taste of thy sweetness. I here despise all human consolations, that I may be comforted by thee, my only good, my God and Saviour, whom I love above all things, and desire to entertain within my breast, with as much devotion and affection as is conceived by thy chosen servants, who now sit at thy table of celestial bliss. And however I may have been hitherto wanting in my duty, or unjust to thee, in misplacing my affections, I now for ever renounce my folly and weakness, and from my heart request, that for the future, my joy, my relief, my treasure, and rest, may be entirely centred in thee. May I never

desire any thing beside thee; and may all things seem contemptible and as nothing without thee, O my God!

An Act of Thanksgiving.

WHO am I, O God of infinite goodness, that thou shouldst permit me to partake of this bread of angels? How have I found such favour in thy sight, as to be the object of so unspeakable a mercy! Come all ye angels and saints of God, and I will recount to you what great things our Lord has done for my soul. He has raised me out of the dust, and delivered me from the bonds of sin: he has told me not to be dejected, for that himself will be my support and my strength: and though I have most unworthily forsaken him by my repeated follies, yet behold he calls me back again, and invites me to partake of the bread of life, that, as he made me, so I may ever live by him. What thanks can I give thee, O merciful Jesus, Saviour of the world? What return shall I make thee for all thou hast done for my soul? Were I to give all I have in acknowledgment of thy love, it would still be as nothing; for thou, Lord, hast plentifully poured forth thyself upon me, and given me even all that thou art; thy body, thy blood, thy

soul, thy divinity: and if, in thanksgiving for thy mercies, I were to lay before thee my body and soul, my life, liberty, and all I possess, what would they be, when compared to the blessing thou hast here bestowed on me; what to the debt I owe, which is in some kind equal to what I receive, Infinite as thyself? O God, how far is this above my means? I have, however, one request to make, (for thou art good and merciful, and knowest my poverty,) that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept this little offering I present thee in the sincerity of my heart, saying, with the Spouse in the Canticles, *My Beloved to me, and I to my Beloved.* Thou hast mercifully given thyself to me, for the food of my soul; and now behold I offer thee all that I have, all that I am, all that I possess; to thee I make a full surrender of them all, that being wholly thine, I may now no longer have any part in myself.

An Act of Fear.

BEING now invited by thee, sweet Jesus, to come and partake of thy banquet, I could cheerfully obey thy call, and receive thee with all the love and affection of my soul, if the thought of so great a happiness did not make

me tremble at the consciousness of my wickedness. My sins always upbraid me; and when the voice of St. Paul strikes my ear: *He that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks judgment to himself;* must I not then tremble at the thoughts of approaching thy table? Alas! if I allow myself but the liberty to think, I am confounded, to consider, that having so often received this divine food, I should yet remain so frail and miserable, or that my heart should be so little fixed on thee as to be instantly wandering amongst vanity and folly, and seem more fond of the empty satisfaction of creatures than of thee, my only happiness. I have frequently resolved to amend, and as often pretended to make a new covenant, receiving thy precious body as the pledge of my engagements; and yet where do I remain, but in the midst of sin and vice, with my senses disordered, my tongue ungoverned, my affections depraved, and yet, O God, how little pains do I take to recover from this misery, and return to thee, to whom I have so repeatedly promised to be faithful! These thoughts encompass me, O Lord, on every side, and cause me to fear, that what thou hast mercifully ordained for my salva-

tion, I should now receive to my judgment and condemnation. What course then shall I steer in the midst of such difficulties? Shall I fly from before thy face, like despairing Cain? or with Adam hide myself, because, at the hearing of thy voice, I behold myself naked, and destitute of all that is good? No, my God, suffer me rather to fly to thee for succour and refuge, because I know thy mercy exceeds my misery, and thy goodness surpasses my wickedness; if I am defiled, infirm, and naked, thou canst cleanse me, cure, and clothe me. To thee, therefore, I run, O my God, with fear and trembling, to take shelter under the wings of thy clemency; still hoping, that, notwithstanding my unworthiness, thou wilt pardon my iniquities, heal my infirmities, and clothe me with thy grace. For this end, O Lord, disengage my heart from all that divides thee from me, or distracts me in my duty; for I own, that in all that tempts me, there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. O may my soul no longer relish any other sweetness than that of thy presence: may it now no longer admire any thing but the greatness of thy infinite love, or look for

content in any other object, but in thee alone, the God of my heart.

An Act of Humility.

O IMMENSE, powerful, and incomprehensible God, who am I, that thou shouldst vouchsafe thus to come to be my food, and to take thy habitation within my soul! It is in this I conceive something of thy infinite goodness and mercy, and my own miserable baseness and ingratitude. Thou art the King of kings, and sovereign Lord of the universe, at whose presence the earth trembles. Thou art the fountain of holiness, in whose sight the angels themselves are not pure. Thou art the bright sun of eternal day, who dwellest in light inaccessible. But as to myself, what am I, but a poor worm of the earth, subject to innumerable miseries, distracted with passions; fond of vanity; defiled with sin; encompassed with darkness; busy about folly, and careless of eternity? How then dare I approach thee, who am thus miserable and unprepared? With what confidence can I appear before thee, most just Judge, in whose presence the very pillars of heaven tremble? I, who by my sins have run astray from thee,

though thou art present in every place: I, who have polluted my soul, espoused to thee in baptism, with filth and wickedness, abandoning thee, my Maker and Redeemer, for the love of vanity and deceitful pleasures. Thou hast created me from nothing, and, by thy grace plentifully furnished me with the means of obtaining eternal happiness; and how ill a return have I made for these blessings, by living in sin, and by not being solicitous to please thee, but rather to satisfy my own corrupt inclinations! Thou hast prepared for me a banquet of heavenly sweetness, and I have longed after the flesh-pots of Egypt. Yet still, O my God of infinite goodness, behold, I, who am nothing but dust and ashes, presume to speak to thee. Receive, then, thy unworthy servant into the compassionate arms of thy mercy, since with so much love and solicitude thou hast laboured for my conversion. I am now sensible, O my God, that without thee I am nothing, nor can do any thing: and that without the aid of thy grace, there is neither life nor salvation for me. Cast, therefore, all my sins out of thy sight, and with the tenderness of a loving Father, extend thy arms to receive an un-

worthy child, who returns to thee; and let me effectually experience the truth of the prophet's words, *A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit, and a contrite and humbled heart thou wilt not despise.*

A Prayer before Receiving.

IT is with fear and trembling, O Jesus, that I approach thy banquet, having nothing to confide in but thy goodness and mercy, being of myself a sinner, destitute of all virtue. My soul and body are defiled with many crimes; my thoughts and tongue in disorder, and under no restraint. In this wretched condition I hasten to thee, most compassionate physician, the fountain of all goodness, that I may be healed. I fly under the wings of thy paternal protection, hoping thou wilt be my Saviour, though I dare not appear before thee as my judge. To thee I expose all my wounds, to thee I discover all my shame. My sins, I confess, are so innumerable and enormous, as to make me despair, if thou didst not encourage me to hope in thy mercies, which are infinite. Look, therefore, on me with the eyes of compassion, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, who wast crucified for the sins of men. Have mercy on me thou inexhaustible fountain of goodness.

Haii, saving Victim, offered on the cross for me and all mankind. Hail, generous and precious blood, flowing from thy wounds, O Jesus! and washing away the sins of the world. Remember thy creature, O Lord, whom thou hast redeemed by thy death. I am truly sorry for my offences, of which I am resolved to amend. Wash away, therefore, all my sins, and blot out my iniquities, that purified in soul and body, I may worthily approach the Holy of Holies; and grant that thy precious body and blood, which I now, though unworthy, am about to receive, may avail to a full discharge from the guilt of all my crimes, a victory over my evil thoughts, the beginning of a new life, the seed of good works, and a sure protection of soul and body against all the snares of my enemies.

Instructions before Communion.

At the time of communion, go up to the rail, and take up the towel and hold it before you. Whilst the clerk says the *Confiteor*, humbly confess your sins, and beg God's pardon for them. When the priest turns about to give the absolution, receive it with your head bowed down, as from the hand of the invisi-

ble High Priest, whom you are going to receive.

When the priest holds up a particle of the blessed sacrament, with these words, *Ecce Agnus Dei*, &c. *Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world*, humbly beg, with a lively confidence in the merits of his death and passion, that he would take away your sins.

When the priest repeats three times, *Domine, non sum dignus*, &c. *Lord, I am not worthy thou shouldst enter under my roof; speak only the word, and my soul shall be healed*, say the same with him in your heart, and humble yourself exceedingly through the sense of your unworthiness and sins; but let this be joined with a lively confidence in him, who can raise you up, and perfectly heal your soul by his only word.

When the priest gives you the blessed sacrament, saying, *The body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting*, Amen; receive it with a lively faith, a profound humility, and a heart inflamed with love. At the time of your receiving, let your head be erect, your mouth opened moderately wide and your tongue a little advanced, so

as to rest upon your under lip, that the priest may conveniently convey the blessed sacrament into your mouth, which being done, shut your mouth; let the sacred host moisten a little upon your tongue, and then swallow it down as soon as you can, and afterward abstain a while from spitting. If the host should chance to stick to the roof of your mouth, be not disturbed; neither must you put your finger into your mouth to remove it, but gently and quietly remove it with your tongue, and so convey it down. And then return to your place, and endeavour to entertain, as well as you can, the guest whom you have received.

Spend at least a quarter of an hour after communion, in devotion suitable to that occasion. It would be a great abuse, to turn your back immediately upon your Saviour, by going away, as some do, and thinking no more of what you have been doing. Particularly, I recommend to you three things after communion. 1st, To cast yourself down in spirit at the feet of your Lord, whom you have received; to adore him, praise him, and give him thanks, for coming to so unworthy a sinner; and to invite all heaven and earth to

join with you in praising and magnifying his holy name. 2dly, To make an offering of your heart and soul, and of your whole being to him, that you may henceforward love him and serve him for ever. 3dly, To present him all your petitions for all the graces that you stand in need of, and to make good use of this favourable opportunity to pray heartily for yourself and for your friends, and for the whole world.

Prayers after Communion.

I RETURN thee thanks, O eternal Father, for having, out of thy pure mercy, without any desert of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of thine only Son; and beseech thee, that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but available to the effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith; encourage me in the practice of good works; deliver me from my vicious customs; remove from me all concupiscence; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, visible and invisible; prudently moderate my inclinations, both carnal and spiritual closely unite me to thee, the only true

God, and finally settle me in unchangeable bliss, by admitting me, though an unworthy sinner, to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy and perfect happiness of all the saints hrough the same Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

An act of Praise and Adoration.

I PRAISE and glorify thy blessed ame, O my God, for the many favours thou hast now bestowed on me, and for all the blessings wherewith thou hast enriched my soul, after the many miseries and wants I have suffered, when, by my pleasures and passions, I had departed from thee! Alas! was not I most miserably blind, to expect content and happiness, when, by my folly, neglect, and indevotion, I removed myself at a distance from thee: But such was thy goodness, as to withdraw me from the precipice whither I was running; enlightening me with thy ray, and, by the inspirations of thy grace, inviting me to return. Thou hast pardoned all my sins; and, to crown all these favours, thou hast now come to visit me, that thou mightest for ever shine in me, and I in thee. O my

God, be thou for ever blessed for all these infinite mercies. Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all that is within me praise and magnify his holy name. Bless the Lord, and see thou forget not the favours he has done thee. He has pardoned thee all thy offences, and cured thy infirmities. He has preserved thee from death, and crowned thee with the effects of his bounty. He has satisfied thy hunger with good things, and replenished thee with all the blessings thou couldst desire. And oughtest not thou to resolve on a change of life, and, renewing thy forces, grow young like the eagle in his service? Let thy grace, then, O Lord, be ever at hand to assist me, for the experience of my own weakness makes me fearful; and if thou support me not, I most certainly shall fall again. Be thou therefore my shield and defence. Grant me a firm and constant faith; and strengthen it not only with respect to this mystery, but all other christian truths and principles of eternal life; that, by the help thereof, I may overcome all such difficulties as I may have to encounter in my journey to that state of bliss for which I was created; as it is by such a faith those who, for my example are

gone before me, have triumphed over their enemies, done justice, and obtained the promises.

Of Hope.

I ADORE thy infinite greatness, O divine Majesty, who fillest both heaven and earth, and art adored by all the blessed spirits, angels, and saints, who without ceasing, praise and cry out before thee, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." Is it possible thou shouldst condescend to visit the most unworthy of all thy servants, and desire to dwell within him? If the heavens, nay the heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee, how much less this habitation, which I have prepared for thy reception? But thy goodness, O great God, knows well how to humble itself, when it is for our good. Thou knowest how to conceal the dazzling splendour of thy glory, and condescend to our weak capacity, that so thou mayest communicate thyself to us the more freely. This thou didst not only at the time of thy adorable incarnation, when thou madest thyself like to us, the more forcibly to attract our love to thee, but also when thou didst institute this mystery, wherein thou gavest thyself to us for the food and nourishment of

our souls, the more closely to unite us to thyself, and make us aspire to that celestial banquet thou hast prepared for the blessed in heaven. O God, grant me the grace, so eagerly to long after this eternal banquet, that the desire of hereafter enjoying it may make me despise all the goods and pleasures of this life, and labour incessantly to prepare myself, till I am happily admitted amongst thy guests. There is one resolution which I here make in thy presence, *viz.*, to renounce all whatsoever my irregular and corrupt affections incline me to; for they often press me to forsake the way of thy commandments, and put me in danger of forfeiting my title to eternal happiness: but, behold, I now desire to wean my heart from them entirely, that I may place my whole love and confidence in thee alone. For this end, I am firmly resolved to watch over all my actions fly from sin; and avoid whatever may be displeasing to thee. I will labour to work out my salvation by observing thy precepts, and as I have resolved, so I hope to be faithful to thee; but this resolution I acknowledge myself unable to perform, without the help of thy grace, which I most humbly implore,

O Jesus, save me: conduct me through the ways of thy commandments, in which I now begin to walk, with courage and perseverance. Incline my heart to love thy divine truths; divert my eyes from beholding vain objects; enliven and strengthen me in the paths of virtue and good works, and attract me so powerfully to thyself, that I may follow thee as far as heaven, where thou livest and reignest for all eternity

Of Love.

O MY God, what return can I make for so signal a favour, or what shall I do to acknowledge it as much as it deserves? Is it possible I should not continually love thee after such manifest proofs of thy love? Thou hast loved me to such an excess as to lay down thy life for my sake, and shall I not make so small a return to such boundless love, as to live only for thee? Thou hast communicated thyself at present entirely to me, and shall not I from henceforth remain wholly thine? Permit me not, O God, to be ungrateful, or insensible of thy love and my own salvation: I protest, therefore, in thy presence, that I will for the future be faithful to thee, and never depart from thee by the least disobedience to thy law

will never forget thy bounty, nor the favour thou hast done me, in admitting me to partake of thy mercy. I will love thee with my whole heart, for thou, O Lord, art my strength, my support, my refuge, and deliverer, nay, my God, and my all. What is there in heaven or on earth, I should love in preference to thee, the God of my heart, the inheritance and only happiness I pretend to! Of thee I have made choice, and nothing shall prevail on me to make me change.

An Oblation.

WHAT pledge can I give, O my Saviour, as an earnest of the love which I have now engaged to thee? I have nothing worthy of thee, and if I had, I have nothing but what is thine on several accounts; but such is thy goodness, as to be content to accept from us what is already thine. Wherefore, behold, I here offer to thee my body and soul, which are both now sanctified by the honour of thy divine presence; I consecrate them to thee for ever, since thou hast chosen them for thy temple; my body to be continually employed in thy service, and never more to become an instrument of sin; my soul to know thee, to love thee, and be

evermore faithful to thee. Bless, O Lord, the present I here make thee, "Bless, O Lord, this house." Permit not my body to be any more defiled with sensual delights, nor my soul by a will to commit any mortal sin: for as I am now resolved to serve thee with body and soul, I will take pains to correct their evil inclinations. I will declare war against myself, renounce my wonted pleasures, my delights, my passions, my concupiscence, my anger, my pride, my self-love, my own will, and lastly, whatever else may offend thee.

A Prayer for Perseverance.

PRESERVE, O Lord, for ever in my soul, the holy resolutions wherewith thou hast now inspired me, and grant me grace faithfully to put them in execution. Without thy aid I can do nothing; I therefore earnestly crave thy assistance, to conquer all the difficulties I may meet with in the way of my salvation. Regard me with the eyes of mercy; have compassion on my weakness; and strengthen me daily with thy grace. O glorious Virgin, unite with me in giving thanks to thy beloved Son, who has restored me to his grace, and refreshed my soul with the banquet of his most precious body Offer him all

the grateful service thou didst him in this life, to supply the defects of my devotion; and obtain of him that he depart not from me without leaving a large benediction behind him for my soul. Holy angels! ye ministering spirits of God, behold the only Son of the eternal Father, whom you adored at his entrance into the world, O become now petitioners in my behalf, that I may henceforth serve him with the same spirit and truth, as you did whilst he remained on earth, and with the same cheerfulness as you now do in his celestial kingdom. All ye men and women, saints of God, behold here within my breast your Lord, the origin and reward of all your virtuous actions, and let all your prayers accompany mine to the throne; that by his grace I may follow your steps in the exact performance of every duty, till abounding in good works, I may at length be admitted into your society, and possess my Jesus for all eternity.

The Conclusion.

GRACIOUSLY hear all my prayers, O good Jesus; hide me within thy wounds, and there protect me from all my enemies. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Call me to thee at

the hour of my death, that, with thy saints, I may praise thee for ever. And now, Lord Jesus, I go from thee for awhile, but I hope not without thee, who art my comfort and the ultimate happiness of my soul. To thy love and protection I recommend myself, as well as my brethren, my relatives, my country my friends, and my enemies. Love us, O Lord, change our hearts, and transform us into thyself. May I be wholly employed in thee and for thee: and may thy love be the end of all my thoughts, words, and actions, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

The following ASPIRATIONS *may not be unseasonable for such as have an Opportunity on the Day of Communion, if said with Recollection of Spirit and Attention:*

I. ENLIGHTEN the eyes of my soul, O Lord, with the rays of divine faith and wisdom, that I may ever look on thee as the way, the rule, and example of all my thoughts, words, and actions.

What am I, Lord, or what claim can I have on thy bounty, that thou shouldst thus pursue me with thy blessings?

Yes, thou hast created me for thyself, and mayest thou alone be the rest and centre of my soul.

Good Jesus, my hope and only happiness, I here return thee thanks for all thy sufferings; and beg that I may ever find a place of refuge in thy sacred wounds against the assaults of all my enemies: imprint the memory of them, I beseech thee, so deeply in my heart, that I may ever love thee; and in all my sufferings never forget what thou hast suffered for me.

Take from me all self-love, and grant me a perfect love of thee, that I may hereafter be more devoted to thy service; and suffer nothing to prevent me from a faithful discharge of my duty.

O that I could ever remember thee! ever think of thee! and love thee only! O that my senses were ever shut against vain and sinful objects, and my mind freed from all fruitless solicitude, that I might ever abide in thee. Henceforth I will, with the utmost diligence, seek thee, my only good; my desires shall be fixed on thee alone, and all my actions shall be directed to thy glory.

I resign myself into thy hands, O God, desiring that thy holy will may be

done in and by me, both now and for ever. Be thou my instructor, director, and helper on all occasions, that I may neither do, speak, think, nor desire any thing but what is according to thy good will and pleasure.

II. Grant thy servant, O Lord, understanding, that he may learn the way of thy commandments, and lay aside all interest beside that of heaven.

O sweet Jesus, thou fountain of goodness, direct my steps in thy paths and teach me to do thy will. Inspire me with courage to take up my cross and follow thee. Disengage my heart from all unprofitable cares and vain affections, and though I dwell among creatures, yet may I ever live in thee, and for thee. Grant me true fervour of spirit, and enkindle in my breast the fire of divine love, that I may find no rest but in thee.

How sweet, O Lord, is thy spirit! how pleasant to my ear are the words of thy mouth! O that I could ever be attentive to them, and fulfil thy law! May I die to the world and all its concupiscences; and let the greatness of thy love make all that is earthly appear to me as nothing. Protect me against my enemies, and in all danger come to

my defence; make haste to help me, O God, and say to my soul, I am thy health and salvation.

Remember thou art my Father, and have compassion on my distressed soul: clothe it with all virtues, and feed it with thy grace; for it belongs to a father to be careful of his child.

As it is in thee I live, sweet Jesus, so it is in thee I desire to die; and both living and dying I will ever profess that thou art good, and that thy mercy endureth for ever.

III. O sweetness of my life, and life of my soul, withdraw my heart and thoughts from all creatures, that they may find no rest but in thee!

My God, how long dost thou permit me to wander from thee? When wilt thou consume in me all that is corrupt and contrary to thy will? Draw me after thee, I beseech thee, that I may walk cheerfully in the way of thy precepts. Make me according to thine own heart, and let my soul be now thy habitation for ever.

My soul without thee is dry like earth without water; moisten it, I beseech thee, with the dew of heaven, and grant me thy blessing from the land of the living. Wound my heart with thy

love, that it may relish no earthly objects, but entirely depend on thy will.

Hail, dear Redeemer, whom I now desire to adore with the spirit and affection of thy elect; to thy direction I commit all the motions of my soul.

Ah! when will the day of eternity appear, that, liberated from this prison of flesh, I may join with the saints in thy everlasting praise? O sweet light, inflame my heart with the fire of celestial charity, and let its divine flames consume my bowels.

IV. O that I could give thee, dear Lord, as much praise, glory, and honour, as is given thee by the angels and blessed spirits in heaven. But as this, in my present state of existence, is impossible, accept, at least, my desire and good will. Deliver me from every thing that is contrary to thy will, and dispose my soul for thy greater glory.

Into thy hands I surrender myself, O my Creator, and, laying aside all private wishes, desire to depend on thee, not only as to the whole state of my body and soul, but also as to all the accidents and events thou mayest please to appoint for me, asking nothing more but that thy name may be glorified for ever

If it be more for thy honour that I should suffer interior desolation, I accept it from thy hand, convinced that whatever I suffer in my soul, for love of thee, is for my good.

O my God, how little art thou known, how little loved! Come to me, dear Lord! and if thou no where else findest rest, infuse thyself wholly into my soul. May the fire of thy love, O God, ever burn in my heart, and increase to such a flame, as may consume not only the sacrifice, but the altar also.

Let nothing be my comfort but thou, my Lord Jesus, nor any thing afflict me but my sins, and whatever is displeasing to thy divine Majesty.

O blessed Jesus! Life eternal! by whom I live, and without whom I die; grant I may be united to thee: that in the embraces of thy holy love and divine will, I may rest for ever.

When shall I behold thee, sweet Lord? when shall I appear before thy face? When shall I see thee in the land of the living? Till then I sigh and bewail my banishment, desiring to be dissolved, and be with thee.

Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of mankind have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect,

Sacred Trinity three Persons in one God,

Jesus, God and man, in two natures, and one divine Person,

Jesus, our wonderful God, who for our sakes vouchsafest to subject thy Almighty Self to the power of man, by immediately descending upon our Altar, when the Priest pronounces the words of consecration,

Jesus, our incomprehensible God, who though the heaven of heavens cannot contain thy immensity yet vouchsafest personally to reside in our churches, and dwell amongst us in a small tabernacle,

Jesus, our Sovereign King, who, though thy throne above is continually surrounded by glorified ministering spirits, yet vouchsafest here in our most solemn processio to be accompanied by such mean attendants as ourselves,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, our heavenly physician, who descendest from thy palace of immortal bliss to our houses of clay, to visit us on our sick beds, and give thyself to comfort our sorrows,

Jesus, our glorious God, who sittest at the right hand of thy eternal Father, adored by innumerable angels, and encompassed with the splendour of inaccessible light,

Jesus, our gracious God, who condescending to the weakness of our nature, coverest thy glory under the familiar forms of bread and wine, and permittest thyself to be seen, touched, and tasted, by wretched sinners,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, concealing the awful brightness of thy Majesty under such low and humble veils, sweetly invitest us to approach thy person, lay open our miseries, and deliver our petitions into thy hands,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, to communicate thy divine nature to miserable sinners, humblest thyself to descend into our breast, and by an inconceivable union become one with us,

Have mercy upon us

Jesus, the bread of life, that came down from heaven, of which whoever eats shall live for ever,

Jesus, the heavenly manna, whose sweetness nourishes thy elect in the desert of this world,

Jesus, the food of angels, whose deliciousness replenishes our hearts with celestial joys,

Jesus, the Lamb without spot, who art every day sacrificed, and yet always livest, every day eaten, and yet still remainest entire,

Jesus, the good shepherd, who layest down thy life for thy sheep, and feedest them with thine own body,

Jesus, who in this august and venerable mystery, art thyself become the priest and sacrifice,

Jesus, who in this sacred memoria. of thy death, hast abridged all thy wonders into one accumulative miracle,

Jesus, who in this admirable sacrament, hast contracted all thy blessings into one stupendous bounty,

Jesus, who by this blessed fruit of the tree of life, restorest us again to immortality,

Jesus, who, by sanctifying the most

Have mercy upon us.

familiar of thy creatures, dost inspire us with a pure desire of thee, and teachest us the right use of the rest,

Jesus, who, by becoming our daily food in this life, preparest us to feed on thee eternally in the next,

Jesus, who in this divine banquet, givest us possession of thy grace here, and a secure pledge of our glory hereafter,

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy, O Lord, *and pardon our sins.*

Have mercy, O Lord, *and hear our prayers.*

From presuming to measure the depth of divine Omnipotence by the short line of human reason,

From presuming to interpret the secrets of thy will by the fallible rule of private judgment,

From all distraction and irreverence in assisting at this awful sacrifice,

From neglecting to approach this holy table, and from coming to it negligently,

From an unworthy and fruitless receiving of this adorable sacrament,

From all hardness of heart, and ingratitude for so unspeakable a blessing,

Deliver us, O Lord.

Through thy irresistible power, which changeth the course of nature as thou pleasest,

Through thy unsearchable wisdom, which disposeth all things in perfect order,

Through thy infinite goodness in bestowing thyself on us in this incomprehensible mystery,

Through thy blessed body broken for us on the cross, and really given to us in the holy communion,

Through thy precious blood, shed for us on the cross, and substantially present in the chalice of benediction,

We sinners, *beseech thee, hear us.*

That we may always believe nothing more reasonable than to submit reason to faith,

That by this sacred oblation, we may solemnly acknowledge thy infinite perfections, and supreme dominion over all things,

That by this sacred oblation, we may humbly acknowledge our dependance on thee, and absolute subjection to the disposal of thy will,

That we may eternally adore thy goodness, who, standing in no need of us, hast contrived such endearing

Deliver us, O Lord.

We beseech thee, hear us.

motives to make us love thee, and be happy,

That we may thankfully comply with thy gracious desire of being united to us, by a fervent desire of being united to thee,

That before we approach this banquet of divine love, we may sincerely endeavour to be reconciled to thee, and to be in perfect charity with all mankind,

That, at the moment of receiving thy sacred body, our souls may dissolve into reverence and love, to attend on and entertain so glorious a guest,

That returning from this divine banquet, we may recollect all our thoughts to praise thee, and immediately apply our utmost endeavours to the amendment of our lives,

That, by this heavenly preservative, our hearts may be healed of their infirmities, and strengthened against future relapses,

That, as we adore thee here by faith, under these sacred veils, we may hereafter behold thee face to face, and eternally rejoice in thy presence,

We beseech thee, hear us

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us*

The Antiphon.

THE glorious King of heaven and earth, to show the richness of his bounty, hath prepared a solemn and splendid feast; and calls even the meanest of his subjects to sit down at his table by his gracious invitation: *Come to me all you that labour and are oppressed, and I will refresh you; for my blood is drink indeed.*

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

The Prayer.

O GOD, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion; grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence these sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually perceive in our souls the fruits of thy redemption: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost,

livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

TO thee, O sacred heart of Jesus! to thee I devote and offer up my life, thoughts, words, actions, pains, and sufferings. May the least part of my being be no longer employed, save only in loving, serving, honouring, and glorifying thee. Wherefore, O most sacred heart! be thou the sole object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be thou, O most bountiful heart! my justification at the throne of God, and screen me from his anger, which I have so justly merited. In thee I place all my confidence, and convinced as I am of my own weakness, I rely entirely on thy bounty. Annihilate in me all that is displeasing and offensive to thy pure eye. Imprint thyself like a divine seal on my heart, that I may ever remember my obligation never to be separated from thee. May my name also, I beseech thee by thy tender bounty, be written in the Book of Life! and may I ever be a victim consecrated to thy

glory, ever burning with the flames of thy pure love, and entirely penetrated with it for eternity. In this I place all my happiness, this is all my desire, to live and die in no other condition than that of thy devoted servant. Amen.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
O God, the Father of heaven,
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God, the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus!
Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the most blessed Virgin,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus, Sanctuary of the Divinity,
Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the most holy Trinity,
Heart of Jesus, Temple of all Sanctity,
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of all Graces,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, most meek,
Heart of Jesus, most humble,
Heart of Jesus, most obedient,
Heart of Jesus, most chaste,
Heart of Jesus, Furnace of Love,
Heart of Jesus, Source of Contrition,
Heart of Jesus, Treasure of Wisdom,
Heart of Jesus, Ocean of Bounty,
Heart of Jesus, Throne of Mercy,
Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all Virtues,
Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the Garden,
Heart of Jesus, spent with a bloody Sweat,
Heart of Jesus, glutted with Reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, consumed for our Sins,
Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto the Death of the Cross,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a Lance,
Heart of Jesus, Refuge of Sinners,
Heart of Jesus, Fortitude of the Just,
Heart of Jesus, Comfort of the afflicted,

Have mercy on us

Heart of Jesus, main Strength of the tempted,
Heart of Jesus, Terror of Devils,
Heart of Jesus, Sanctification of Hearts,
Heart of Jesus, Perseverance of the Good,
Heart of Jesus, Hope of the Dying,
Heart of Jesus, Joy of the Blessed,
Heart of Jesus, the delight of all the Saints,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus!
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, hear us, O Jesus!
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus!

V. O most sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
R. That we may worthily love thee with our whole hearts.

Let us pray.

O GOD! who out of thy immense love hast given to the faithful the most sacred Heart of thy Son our Lord, as the object of thy tender affection; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so love and honour this pledge of thy love on earth, as by it to merit the love both of thee and of thy gift, and be

eternally loved by thee and this most blessed Heart in heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Through thy sacred Heart, O Jesus overflowing with all sweetness, we recommend to thee ourselves, and all our concerns, our friends, benefactors, parents, and relatives, our superiors, and enemies: take under thy protection this house, city, and United States; extend this thy care to all such as are under any affliction; and to those who labour in the agony and pangs of death; cast an eye of compassion on the obstinate sinner, and more particularly on the poor suffering souls in purgatory, as also on those who are engaged and united with us in the holy confederacy of honouring and worshipping thee. Bless these in particular, O bountiful Jesus! and bless them according to the extent of thy infinite goodness, mercy, and charity. Amen.

An Invitation, or the Devout Soul's Repair to the Sacred Heart.

ALL the faithful adorers of Jesus are invited to repair in spirit every day, at nine o'clock in the morning, and four

in the evening, to his divine Heart, in order to make in common some of the following aspirations:

O most sacred Heart of Jesus! have mercy on us.

O divine Heart, wounded for love of us! let us ever be sensible of thy bounty, and let thy love ever plead in our favour.

O Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with the love of thee.

Blessed be the most adorable Heart of Jesus my God for ever and ever.

No love, no heart equals thine, most loving Jesus.

O may thy adorable heart be for ever praised, and all thanks both in time and eternity paid to it.

O adorable heart of Jesus! mayest thou be known, loved, and adored, throughout the whole world.

O divine Fire, ever burning and never ceasing, raise my heart into a flame, that I may always love, and never cease from loving thee.

The Reparation of Honour to the Sacred Heart, to be made on the Feast itself, or at any other time, in Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

O MOST amiable and adorable Heart of Jesus! centre of all hearts, glow-

ing with charity, and inflamed with zeal for the interest of thy Father, and the salvation of mankind! O Heart ever sensible of our misery, and ever in motion to redress our evils, the real victim of Love in the Holy Eucharist, and propitiatory sacrifice for sin on the altar of the cross! seeing that the generality of Christians make no other return for those thy mercies, than contempt of thy favours, forgetfulness of their own obligation, and ingratitude to the best of benefactors, is it not just that we thy servants, penetrated with the deepest sense of the like indignities, should enter upon a due and satisfactory reparation of honour to thy most sacred majesty? Prostrate, therefore, in body, and humbled in mind, before heaven and earth, we solemnly declare our utter detestation and abhorrence of such conduct. Inexpressible, we know, was the bitterness, which the multitude of our sins brought on thy tender heart; insufferable the weight of our iniquities, which pressed thy face to the earth in the garden of Olives; and insurmountable thy anguish, when expiring with love, grief, and agony, on Mount Calvary, in thy last breath, thou wouldst reclaim sinners to their duty and repentance. This we know. O dear Re

deemer! and would most willingly redress these thy sufferings by our own, or share with thee in thine.

O merciful Jesus! ever present on our altars, and with a heart open to receive all who *labour and are burdened!* O adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true contrition! impart to our hearts the true spirit of penance, and to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may bewail and wash off our sins and those of the world. Pardon, divine Jesus! all the injuries, reproaches, and outrages, done thee, through the course of thy holy life and bitter passion. Pardon all the impieties, irreverences, and sacrileges, which have been committed against thee in the sacrament of the Eucharist, from its first institution. Graciously receive the small tribute of our sincere repentance as an agreeable offering in thy sight, and in requital for the benefits we daily receive from the altar, where thou art a living and continual sacrifice, and in union of that bloody holocaust thou didst present to thy eternal Father on mount Calvary from the cross.

Sweet Jesus! give thy blessing to the ardent desire we now entertain, and the holy resolution we have taken

of ever loving and adoring thee after a proper manner in the sacrament of love, the Eucharist, thus to repair by a true conversion of heart, and a becoming zeal for thy glory, our past negligence and infidelity. Be thou, O adorable Heart! who knowest the clay of which we are formed, be thou our mediator with thy heavenly Father, whom we have so grievously offended: strengthen our weakness, confirm our resolution, and with thy charity, humility, meekness, and patience, cover the multitude of our iniquities; be thou our support, our refuge, and our strength, that nothing henceforth in life or death may separate us from thee. Amen.

Concerning Indulgences.

AN indulgence is a releasing of temporal punishment, due to such sins as are already forgiven by the sacrament of penance.

An indulgence for the dead remits the pains in purgatory, not by way of absolution, or jurisdiction, but only by way of prayer or suffrage accepted by God

To gain an indulgence, the person must be in the state of grace, and perform the particulars required for the

obtaining of the indulgence whilst actually in that state.

A plenary indulgence duly obtained, is a full and entire remission of all the temporal punishment due to sin.

A partial indulgence is a remission of a part of the temporal punishment due to sin.

Though by the sacrament of penance duly received, the contrite sinner is reinstated in the favour and friendship of God, and consequently the guilt of eternal damnation cancelled and blotted out; yet from hence it no ways follows, that all the punishment due for our sins is always remitted. Faith teaches us the contrary; and the Church, under the direction of the Holy Ghost, ever imposes some temporal punishment, which we call satisfaction, on the persons receiving this sacrament, even in time of its greatest indulgences and jubilees.

The primitive church was more remarkable in the severity used on these occasions: not that there was any doubt either of the true or sufficient dispositions of the penitent, or of the virtue or efficacy of the absolution; but a satisfaction, or penal austerity sometimes even of seven, ten, or more years;

often of ten, twenty, or forty days was enjoined.

The church, as an indulgent mother, ever compassionating the weakness of her children, and finding herself in the superabundant merits of her spouse Jesus Christ, possessed of an infinite treasure, dispenses these her riches, by indulgences and jubilees to the faithful, in proportion to their wants, and the solemnity of the occasion. She moreover points out to each one, by means of the particular injunctions prescribed in her grant of these blessings, how and in what manner we may apply these treasures to our own advantage, and by them pay the whole, or part of the debt we have contracted by our transgressions. So that an indulgence of ten years, forty days, and the like, is in our regard, by acquitting ourselves of what is mentioned and required by and in the grant (as the saying of so many *Paters* and *Aves*, giving such and such alms, &c.) equivalent and equal to the atonement and satisfaction we should or might make to the divine justice, by the performance of a ten years' austerity, or a forty days' penance, &c. enjoined by the ancient canons, now mitigated in this manner.

Of a Jubilee.

A JUBILEE is a solemn plenary indulgence, accompanied with certain privileges, relating to censures and dispensations, granted to the inferior pastors of the church by the superior Pontiff, and specified in his bulls or orders, directed to them for that purpose. It is granted every twenty-fifth year; as also upon other extraordinary occasions, to such as, being truly penitent, shall worthily receive the blessed Sacrament, and perform the other conditions of *fasting*, *alms*, and *prayers*, usually prescribed at such times.

A Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church upon Earth, and all the Intentions of the Indulgence.

O ETERNAL Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things visible and invisible: Source of all good! infinitely gracious, bountiful, and good to us; behold I thy poor servant, the work of thy hands, redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, come to present myself as an humble petitioner before the throne of thy mercy. I prostrate myself here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to *sanctify thy* own most holy *name*, by sanctifying and

exalting thy holy Catholic Church throughout the whole world. O eternal King! who hast sent thy only Son down from thy throne above into this earth of ours, to establish a kingdom here among us, whence we might hereafter be translated to thy eternal kingdom: look down, we beseech thee, upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations, and through all hearts: sanctify it in all truth; maintain it in peace, unity, and holiness. Give to it saints for its rulers, its chief pastors, and all its other prelates: enlighten them all with heavenly wisdom, and make them all men according to thy own heart. Give thy grace and blessing to all the clergy, and send among them that heavenly fire, which thy Son came to *cast on the earth*, and which he so earnestly desired should *be enkindled*. Assist and protect all apostolic missionaries, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy glory and the salvation of souls redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Sanctify all religious men and women of all orders: give them the grace to serve thee with all perfection according to the spirit of their institute, and to shine like lights to the rest of the faith-

ful. Have mercy on all Christian princes: grant them those lights and graces that are necessary for the perfect discharge of their duty to thee and to their subjects; that they may be true servants to thee, the King of kings, true fathers to their people, and nursing fathers to thy church. Have mercy on all magistrates and men in power; that they may all fear thee, love thee, and serve thee, and ever remember that they are thy deputies and ministers of thy justice. Have mercy on all thy people throughout the world, and give thy blessing to thine inheritance: remember thy congregation which thou hast possessed from the beginning; and give that grace to all thy children here upon earth, that they may do thy holy will in all things, even as the blessed do in heaven.

Extend thy mercy also to all poor infidels that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to all those nations that know not thee, and that have not yet received the faith and law of thy Son their Saviour: to all Pagans, Mahometans, and Jews. Remember, O Lord, that all those poor souls are made after thy own image and likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy Son: O let not Satan any longer exercise his

tyranny over these thy creatures, to the great dishonour of thy name. Let not the precious blood of thy Son be shed for them in vain. Send amongst them zealous preachers and apostolic labourers, endued with the like graces and gifts as the apostles were, and bless them with the like success for the glory of thy name: that all these poor souls may be brought to know thee, love thee, and serve thee here in thy church, and bless thee hereafter for all eternity.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion upon all those deluded souls, who, under the name of Christians, have gone astray from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold of the one shepherd, thy only Son Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. O bring them back to thee and to thy church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light; take off the veil from before their eyes, with which the common enemy has blindfolded them; let them see how they have been misled by misapprehensions and misrepresentations. Remove the prejudices of their education: take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self conceit. Give them an humble and docile heart.—

Give them a strong desire of finding out the truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil. For why should these poor souls perish for which Christ died? Why should Satan any longer possess these souls, which by their baptism were dedicated to thee, to be thy eternal temple?

O Father of Lights, and God of all Truth! purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and vices Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up every where the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition. charity over hatred, envy, and malice: purity and temperance over lust and excess: meekness over passion: and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit, over covetousness and the love of this perishable world. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in its belief and practice, prevail throughout the whole universe.

Grant to us thy peace, O Lord! in the days of our mortality; even that peace which thy Son bequeathed as a legacy to his disciples; a perpetual

peace with thee; a perpetual peace with one another; and a perpetual peace within ourselves. Grant that all Christian princes may love, cherish, and maintain an inviolable peace among themselves. Give them a right sense of the dreadful evils that attend on wars. Give them an everlasting horror of all that bloodshed, of the devastation and ruin of so many territories; of the innumerable sacrileges, and the eternal loss of so many thousand souls, as are the dismal consequences of war. Turn their hearts to another kind of warfare; teach them to fight for a heavenly kingdom.

Remove, O Lord! thy wrath, which we have reason to apprehend actually hanging over our heads for our sins. Deliver all Christian people from the dreadful evil of mortal sin: make all sinners sensible of their misery; give them the grace of a sincere conversion to thee, and a truly penitential spirit, and discharge them from all their bonds. Preserve all Christendom, and in particular this nation, from all the evils that threaten impenitent sinners; such as plagues, famines, earthquakes, fires, inundations, mortality of cattle, sudden and unprovided death, and thy many

other judgments here, and eternal damnation hereafter. Comfort all that are under affliction, sickness, or violence of pain: support all that are under temptation: reconcile all that are at variance: deliver all that are in slavery or captivity: defend all that are in danger: grant relief to all in their respective necessities: give a happy passage to all that are in their agony. Grant thy blessing to our friends and benefactors; to all those for whom we are particularly bound to pray, and have mercy on all our enemies. Give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, and bring us all to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

Fifteen Meditations on the Passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

1. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who being most high in the glory of thy Father, and equal to his divine essence, didst vouchsafe of thy infinite charity to be made man, to be born in a stable, to be laid in a manger, to be circumcised, and to fly into *Egypt;* afterward to be baptized, to be tempted, to fast, to watch, to teach the ignorant, and to heal the diseased; in thy whole life

to suffer continual afflictions and persecutions: and at length voluntarily suffer death upon the cross, and all this for me, and such wretched creatures as myself.

2. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who having eaten the paschal lamb with thy dearly beloved disciples didst arise from supper, gird thyself with a towel, pour water into a basin, and on bended knees didst humbly wash the feet of thy disciples, and wipe them with thy own hands.

3. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who when the time of thy death approached, didst bequeath a most excellent legacy to thy children, leaving us thy most sacred body to be our meat, and thy most precious blood to be our drink: no wit can teach, nor understanding penetrate the bottomless depth of this thy charity.

4. O GOOD and gracious Lord! who entered into the garden of *Olives*, beganst to fear and to be heavy; whereupon thou saidst to thy disciples, *My soul is sorrowful, even unto death*, and then leaving them, kneeledst upon the ground, and falling flat on thy face, prayedst to thy Father, *If it be possi-*

ble, let this chalice pass from me. And yet with perfect submission, wholly resignedst thyself to him, saying, *Father, not my will but thine be done:* and at length through most painful agony, thy afflicted and fainting body sweated drops of blood.

5. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who, inflamed with an ineffable desire to redeem me, didst go to meet thine enemies, and sufferedst Judas the traitor to kiss thee, and thyself to be taken and bound with cords, and as a malefactor disgracefully led by the basest of the people to *Annas*, where with admirable meekness thou receivedst a cruel stroke on thy face, most unjustly given thee by a vile wretch and slave.

6. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who wast led fast bound like a notorious malefactor, from *Annas* to the house of *Caiaphas* the High Priest, where the *Jews* most unjustly accused thee, and with barbarous insolence spat upon thy meek and amiable face, buffeting thy cheeks and blindfolding thine eyes, scornfully mocking, and maliciously affronting thee with injuries all that night.

7. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who in the morning wast brought to

the presence of Pilate, and with a most sweet and humble countenance, casting thine eyes down, stoodst before him in the judgment-hall; and when thou wast most falsely calumniated by the Jews, and many insults and provocations given thee, thou meekly heldst thy peace, and patiently sufferedst their unjust proceedings.

8. O GOOD and gracious Jesus, who wast sent from Pilate to Herod; he out of vain curiosity coveting to see some miracle at thy hand, demanded many things of thee, and the Jews continuing their perverseness against thee; but to all these thy meekness replied not a word: wherefore Herod and all his court despised thee, and putting on thee a white garment in scorn and derision, sent thee thus back again to Pilate. O unspeakable humility and obedience to the will of thine enemies! thou wentst forth and returnedst again, and wast led up and down from place to place without gainsaying, but suffering them to do whatever they would.

9. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who in the judgment-hall wast stripped naked, and without any compassion, most cruelly scourged. There was thy

blessed virginal and tender flesh cut with whips and torn with stripes, altogether mangled and deformed, and made black and blue with wounds; so that the streams of thy most precious blood ran down on every side upon the earth.

10. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! after thy sharp and bloody scourging, to put thee to more shame and confusion, as also to increase thy torments, they clothed thee with an old purple garment, and platting a crown of thorns, pressed it on thy holy head, till the sharp points pierced thy temples, and thy most precious blood ran down and covered thy face and neck: they gave thee in derision a reed for thy sceptre, and kneeling down before thee in scorn, saluted thee, saying, *Hail, King of the Jews*! then took they the reed out of thy hand, and with it struck thy sacred head, and again spat upon thy sacred face.

11. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who wast brought forth from Pilate to the Jews to be gazed on, wearing the crown of thorns and purple garment, Pilate showing thee to the people, and saying, *Behold the man*

but they cried out, with a loud voice and insatiable malice, *Crucify him, crucify him.*

12. O GOOD and gracious Jesus thou wast delivered up to the will and pleasure of the Jews, who immediately led thee to be crucified, laying thy heavy cross upon thy sore and bloody shoulders; thus didst thou humbly bear thy own cross, whose weight pained thee excessively, and coming to the place all weary and breathless, thou refusedst not to taste wine mingled with gall and myrrh, which was the only relief there given thee.

13. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! being come to Mount Calvary, thou wast again stripped naked, when thy wounds were renewed by the violent pulling off of thy clothes. What bitter pains didst thou suffer, when thou wast fastened to the cross with rough nails, and the joints of thy limbs stretched as on a rack! O with what love and sweetness of charity didst thou suffer thy hands and feet to be bored through, whence, as from a fountain, thy precious blood gushed out.

14. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who hanging on the cross between two thieves, wast assailed with blas-

phemies, and after so long a continuance of thy tortures, prayedst to thy Father to forgive them, and even when their fury was at the highest, didst exercise the greatest bounty, promising Paradise to the repenting thief, and bequeathing thy dearly-beloved mother (who pierced with sorrow stood by the cross) to thy beloved disciple John, and in him to us all, to be our mother; and after thou hadst suffered for three long hours intolerable pains and extreme thirst, they gave thee vinegar to drink, which when thou hadst tasted, bowing down thy venerable head, thou yieldedst up thy spirit.

15. O GOOD and gracious Jesus! O good shepherd! thus thou bestowedst thy life for thy sheep, and even after death still thou wouldst suffer for us, the sacred side of thy dead body being opened with a spear, out of which flowed water and blood. Thus at last ended all thy sufferings; and thy enemies having slaked their thirst for thy blood, and being gone away, thy disciples came and took thy immaculate body down from the cross, reposed it on the knees of thy blessed Mother, and after all imaginable expressions of

piety, reverence, and love, wrapped it up in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre.

The Prayer.

O MILD and innocent Lamb of God, thus heartily thou didst love me, these things thou didst for me, these pains most patiently and lovingly thou sufferedst for me. What shall I render unto thee? I adore and glorify thee, I praise thee and give thee thanks, with all the powers of my soul. Jesus, Son of the living God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hail, most glorious Redeemer of our souls, whose death quickens and gives life to the world.

O blessed Saviour, have mercy on me, for thy goodness' sake; forgive me all my sins, destroy and mortify in me whatever displeaseth thee. Make me one according to thy heart, and grant that to the utmost of my power I may most diligently imitate thy holy life. O blessed Father of heaven! behold I offer the most holy incarnation, life, and passion of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in full satisfaction for all my sins, and perfect amendment of my life. Grant, most merciful Father, for the merits of thy only-begotten Son,

to the living mercy and grace, and to the souls departed, rest and life everlasting. Amen.

A Universal Prayer for all Things necessary to Salvation.

O MY God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee; do thou secure them. I love thee with my whole heart; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning, I aspire after thee as my last end. I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor. I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom; to restrain me by thy justice; to comfort me by thy mercy; to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward I may think only of thee, speak of thee, and willingly refer all my actions to thy greater glory; and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy

will, and in the manner that thou wiltest.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding; to inflame my will; to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences; to overcome my temptations; to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affections for thy goodness; a hatred of my faults; a love of my neighbour; and a contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification; avarice by alms-deeds; anger by meekness; and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings; courageous in dangers; patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers; temperate at my meals; diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright

and pure; my exterior modest; my conversation edifying, and my comport ment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labour to overcome nature; correspond with thy grace; keep thy commandments, and work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world; the greatness of heaven; the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; fear thy judgments; escape hell; and, in the end, obtain heaven: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR THE SICK.

1. IF attacked by any serious illness, let it be your first care to send for your spiritual director, and settle the state of your soul; which is much better done at the beginning than afterward, when the violence of the disorder, or the quality of the remedies, may render you incapable of performing so great a wor Sickness is frequently the punishme of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession is often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

2. If your Will be not already made, as in prudence it ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness, that so having settled your *temporal concerns*, you may apply your soul without disturbance to your *spiritual ones*.

3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice whether your distemper be dangerous, and not flatter you with the hopes of life, when there are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best use possible of that time, which perhaps is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any other discourse but such as may be for the profit of your soul.

4. Be careful also to discharge your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you, at the beginning of your sickness: forgive those who have any ways injured you, and ask pardon of those whom you have injured.

5. Receive your sickness as coming from the hands of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, and as a just punishment of your offences. Frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he would grant you patience, sanctify your sufferings, and accept of them in union with those of Jesus

Christ your Saviour, in satisfaction of the punishment due to your sins.

6. Procure some friend to read to you such prayers as are most affecting and proper for your condition: such as the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of patience, resignation, &c.

7. Place a crucifix, or figure of Christ crucified, always before your eyes, in order to think often upon his passion: hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with the utmost affection of your soul.

8. Endeavour, as much as possible, to acquire a penitential spirit during your sickness; call often on God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustin used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die, in any other state than that of a penitent.

A daily Prayer in time of Sickness.

LORD Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: *thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* May this sickness be to the

honour of thy holy name, and to the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to thy appointments; to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long, and in what manner thou pleasest. For I thy creature, O Lord, have most ungratefully offended thee; and as my sins have long since cried aloud to heaven for justice, how can I now complain of thy chastisements? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore can have no reason to complain of thee, but rather of my own wickedness.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have compassion on my weakness. Thou knowest my frailty, and that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, nor punish me according to my iniquities; but according to the multitude of thy tender mercies have compassion on me. May thy justice, O Lord, be tempered with mercy; and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this illness. Enable me with strength from above to bear all the uneasiness, pains and difficulties of my sickness with Christian

patience, and to accept them with cheerfulness, in just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou to me a tower of strength against the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no ways offend thee. And should it be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may neither neglect nor be deprived of those helps which thou hast, in thy mercy, ordained for the safe conduct of my soul in its passage to eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, hope in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever. Amen.

Acts of the most necessary Virtues to be made in Time of Sickness.

LORD, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and resign myself entirely to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

I offer up to thee, O Lord, all that I now suffer, or may hereafter suffer, to

be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning, and last end; and bowing down all the powers of my soul in thy presence, desire to pay thee the best homage I am able.

I desire to praise thee, O Lord, without ceasing, in sickness as well as in health: and to join my heart and voice with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, in blessing thee for ever

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ thy Son: and, above all, for his having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. O let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches: thou art the sovereign Truth, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived: and thou hast promised the Spirit of Truth to guide thy Church into all truth. *I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to

live and die: O Lord, strengthen and increase my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are centred in thee, from whom I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation, through the passion and death of my blessed Redeemer. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thy arms in this day of my distress: hide me within thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things: at least, I desire so to love thee. O! come now, and take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love thee for ever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

When, O Lord, will thy kingdom come? When wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbour in the arms of perfect charity, for the love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all that have any ways offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, accord

ing to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities.

O! who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that night and day I may bewail all my sins!

O! that I had never offended so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy of my soul, O Lord, to have any dominion over me, either now, or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, now, and at the

hour of my death. O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me a poor sinner.

It may also be proper to read some part of the Meditations on the Passion of Christ, *the* Miserere, *or other penitential psalms, devout acts of contrition, &c., but not too much at a time lest it might fatigue the sick person.*

A Daily Preparation for Death.

1. MY heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready: not my will, but thine be done. I resign myself entirely to thee, O Lord, to receive death at the time and in the manner it shall please thee to send it.

2. I most humbly ask pardon for all the sins I have committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

3. I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; and by thy grace I will die in this belief.

4. I hope to possess eternal life through thy infinite mercy, and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

5. O my God, my sovereign good, I desire to love thee above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I de-

sire to love my neighbour as myself, for the love of thee, and from my heart to forgive all injuries.

6. O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred body! O! come now into my soul, at least by a spiritual communion. O! grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death! I desire to unite my communion to all the worthy communions which shall be made in thy holy Church, even to the end of the world.

7. Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, the holy unction of thy precious blood.

8. Holy Virgin, Mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host; my angel guardian, and blessed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this my last and dreadful passage.

9. O my God, I renounce all temptations of the enemy, and in general whatsoever may displease thee. I adore and accept thy divine appointments with regard to my soul, and entirely abandon

myself to them as most just and equitable.

10. O Jesus, my divine Redeemer, be to me a Saviour. Save me, O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds. I deliver my soul into thy divine hands; receive it into the bosom of thy divine mercy. Amen.

Litany for a Happy Death.

O LORD Jesus, God of goodness and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart: to thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to the end,

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support,

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forbode my approaching end,

When my ears, soon to be for ever shut to the discourse of men,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me

shall be open to the irrevocable decree, which is to cut me off from the living,

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavour to conceal thy mercies from my eyes, and to plunge me into despair,

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure, and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment,

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed the tear of pity over me, and invoke thy clemency in my behalf,

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when my

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death,

When my last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embraces of the body, and to spring to thee on the wings of impatience and desire,

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy Divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendour of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may for ever sing thy praises, and in that moment, when eternity shall begin to me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY FOR THE SICK, AND PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

LORD have mercy upon him, (her or me.)
Christ have mercy upon him, &c.
Lord have mercy upon him, &c.
O God the Father, Creator of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O Blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God, *have mercy on him, &c.*
Holy Mother of God,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye blessed company of the Just,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Martyrs,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
All ye holy Saints of God, *make intercession for him, (her or me.)*

Pray for him, her or me.

Have mercy, *O Lord! and spare him, &c.*

Have mercy, *O Lord! and hear him &c.*

From all his sins and offences, and the punishment due to them,

From all temptations, and the snares of the Devil,
From all impatience, and repining at thy just chastisements,
From dejection of spirit, and diffidence in thy mercies,
From all undue fears of death, and all immoderate desires of life,
From distraction of mind, and neglect of his preparation for eternity,
By thy Cross and Passion,
By thy Death and Burial,
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
We sinners *beseech thee, hear us.*

Deliver him, (her or me) O Lord

That it would please thee to comfort him in his sorrows, and enable him to look beyond death, to the blessed state it leads to, *we beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to remind him of all thy mercies, and by them encourage him to a sure confidence in thee, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to order all his temporal affairs with prudence, justice, and charity: and with a free and quiet mind wholly

to attend to dispose himself for heaven, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That thou wouldst sanctify this thy fatherly correction of him; that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to confess sincerely; to repent of all his sins, and grant him perfect remission and forgiveness of them, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace heartily to forgive all those that have offended him; and to satisfy, to the utmost of his power, whoever hath suffered the least prejudice by him, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That being thus reconciled to thee, and to all the world, he may, with assured hope, and steadfast faith, receive the sacrament of thy blessed body; and may the strength of that heavenly food cheer his fainting spirits, and carry him on with joy, in thy favour, to the end, *we beseech thee, &c.*

That a patient submission under the pains of his sickness may expiate the punishment due to his sins, diminish his love of this world, and increase his desire of the next, *we beseech thee, &c.*

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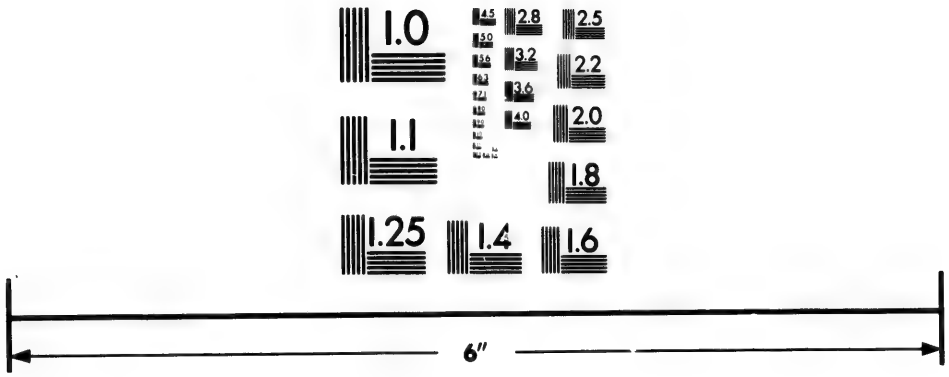

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That in whatever thy providence hath ordained concerning him, he may readily acquiesce, and both in life and death be always thine, *we beseech thee, &c.*

Son of God, *we beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. *Our Father, &c.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in whose hands are life and death: whose infinite wisdom disposes all things advantageously for them who love thee; behold thy servant, whom thou hast cast upon a bed of sickness; comfort, we beseech thee, his afflicted spirit; increase his faith, strengthen his hope, and perfect his charity: sanctify for him all his sufferings; and if thy mercy shall restore him to his health, may he carefully correct the errors of his past life. If it please thee to call him out

of this world, grant that he may pass safely through the shades of death, transported by thy holy angels into the mansions of bliss, where no fear shall trouble him, no pain afflict him, nor grief disturb the quiet of his mind; but pure delight, unspeakable joys, and perfect security shall be for ever confirmed to him, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Receiving the Viaticum, or the Holy Communion.

O DEAR Jesus, I adore thee with all my heart; I give thee thanks for that infinite love which thou showedst to poor sinners in dying for them on the cross, and for thy unspeakable goodness, displayed in this heavenly banquet. Hither thou art now pleased to invite me; but how can I approach I who have so ungratefully offended thee, and who have lived so unworthy of my profession!

I acknowledge, O God, that I am a sinner, a poor miserable sinner. Thou alone art my hope, to thee I raise my eyes, who art rich in mercy; who art my Advocate, and most powerful Mediator. I commit my cause into thy hands. Help me now in my distress: let thy precious blood, the infinite trea-

sure of thy merits, supply all my deficiencies, while I partake of this sacred food. Thou knowest my weakness, thou knowest my unworthiness; thou seest how unfit I am, through the multitude and enormity of my sins, to appear before thy judgment-seat: I tremble at that dreadful hour when my manifold transgressions shall be laid before me. What shall I do then, O Keeper of Men! What must become of me, if my iniquities are to decide my eternal destiny? O Jesus, let me not go alone into that place of terror: come thou into my soul; accompany it to the tribunal of God; there let all thy mercies plead for me: though I have nothing to trust to in myself, yet upon thy infinite goodness I have every reason to rely. Let us then, my soul, confidently recur to the mercies of our Lord: there let us shelter ourselves in the virtue of his blessed wounds; there, though our sins cry aloud for justice, his precious blood still cries louder for mercy. It is on this mercy I depend; in this I hope; and in this hope I desire to die: come, dear Jesus, now into my soul, and possess it for ever.

Thou art my Lord and my God; behold I am thy servant: give me under-

standing and strengthen me, that I may ever conform to thy holy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the spotless Lamb who takest away the sins of the world. Take from me all that is sinful, and give me that which is pleasing in thy sight.

Thou art my love and my joy, my God, and my all; thou art my portion and inheritance: it is thou who wilt restore my inheritance to me.

Let the powerful force of thy love affect all my faculties; let it entirely change my heart; that for love of thee I may die to the world, who for love of me wast pleased to die on the cross.

Into thy hands I commit and surrender my spirit and remainder of life, and my whole being, whilst I am in possession of it, and have the power of making the offer and sacrifice.

An Act of Thanksgiving, after having received the Holy Communion, or Viaticum.

GLORY and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord, who in thy sweetness hast been pleased to visit and refresh my poor soul. Now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Now thou art come to me, I will not let thee go; now I willingly bid fare-

well to the world; and with joy I go to thee, my God.

Nothing more, O dear Jesus, nothing more shall separate me from thee. Now I am united to thee, in thee I will live, in thee I will die, and in thee I hope to abide for ever.

Now life seems uneasy to me; I desire to be dissolved, and be with Christ; for Christ is my life, and to die will be my gain.

Now I will fear no evils, though I walk in the shadow of death, because thou art with me, O Lord: as the hart pants after the fountains of water, so does my soul after thee: my soul thirsts after the Fountain of Living Water: O when shall I come, and appear before the face of my God!

Give me thy blessing, O Jesus, and establish my soul in everlasting peace; such peace, as only thou canst give; such peace, as it may not be in the power of my enemy to destroy.

O that I were happily united to thee for ever; that I were wholly swallowed up and buried in thee: O that my soul were at rest in thy happiness, and in the enjoyment of thee, my God, for ever.

What have I more to do with the

world? And in heaven what have I to desire, but thee, my God?

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; receive, me, sweet Jesus! In thee may I rest, and in thy happiness rejoice without end. Amen.

A Prayer before Extreme Unction.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, in thy great mercy, hast provided powerful resources for all our necessities; grant me grace to have recourse to them with such dispositions, that my soul may partake of all those great advantages and salutary effects, which thou hast appointed in their institution. Thou hast instituted the sacrament of Extreme Unction for the benefit of the sick, who in their extremity stand more particularly in need of grace and consolation. I now desire to receive this heavenly medicine, for the ends for which it has been instituted. Grant, I beseech thee, that this holy Unction may produce in me all its happy fruits; by healing my soul, by fortifying me against all temptations, by supporting me in the hour of anguish and distress, and by preparing me for a happy passage, or for whatever may be thy holy will. If thou foreseest that my health will be conducive to thy greater glory

and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. I absolutely submit to thy will: I wish not so much to live as to serve thee. Dispose of me as thou knowest best; all I desire is the accomplishment of thy will: give me health or sickness, life or death; give me whatever thou pleasest; not my will but thine be done: it is a greater happiness to fulfil thy will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be, if the destruction of my body could repair the injuries I have offered to thy divine Majesty! My eyes, alas! have seen vanities; my ears have been open to detractions, to profane and unprofitable discourses; my tongue has many ways offended both in speaking and tasting; my hands have contributed to many follies, my feet have often gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin. By this holy anointing, and by the prayers of thy church, pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, be now shut to the world. Let my eyes be open to thee alone. Let my ears be attentive to thy commandments. Let my tongue be

solely employed in soliciting for mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in thy sight. Let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon. Let my feet walk in thy ways, and let my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In thee I will live, in thee I will die, in thee I will abide, and in thee I hope to possess eternal rest for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer after Extreme Unction.

O MY God, thou hast created, redeemed, and sanctified me; thou hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast nourished me with the adorable sacrament of thy body and blood, and granted me to receive the rites of thy church, preferably to so many others, who were carried off by a sudden death, without having been favoured with those succours, which thou hast bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner. For these, and all other blessings, I offer thee innumerable thanks; to thee I resign my heart, receive it for a holocaust. I do not desire to be freed from my pains; thou knowest what is best for me: take from me all murmuring give me patience to suffer

whatever thou pleasest; if it be thy divine pleasure to inflict on my weak body greater punishments than I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and measure shall be most conformable to thy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of thee, my God, that I may die the death of thy elect, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee, in the company of the blessed, for all eternity. Amen.

LITANY FOR A SOUL DEPARTING

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
Holy Abel,
All ye choirs of the just,
Holy Abraham,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye patriarchs and prophets,
St Peter,
St Paul,

Pray for him (her)

St. Andrew,
St. John,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of the Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Laurence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustin,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
St. Benedict,
St. Francis,
All ye holy monks and hermits
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
All ye saints of God, *make intercession for him (her).*

Pray for him (her).

Be merciful, *Spare him (her), O Lord.*
Be merciful,
From thy anger,
From the danger of death,
From an unhappy death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the devil,
By thy nativity,
By thy cross and passion,
By thy death and burial,

Deliver him (her), O Lord.

By thy glorious resurrection,
By thy admirable ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, *Beseech thee to hear us.*
That thou spare him (*her*), *We beseech thee to hear us.*
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Deliver him (her), O Lord.

Let us pray.

DEPART, Christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee: In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: In the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee: In the name of the angels, archangels, thrones, and dominations, cherubim and seraphim: In the name of the patriarchs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the holy martyrs and confessors, of the holy monks and hermits, of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God, let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of mercy, God of goodness; O God, who according to the multi-

tude of thy mercies forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this thy servant N., and grant him (*her*) a full discharge from all his (*her*) sins, who most earnestly begs it of thee. Remove, O merciful Father, whatever is corrupt in him (*her*) through human frailty, or by the snares of the enemy; make him (*her*) a true member of the church and let him (*her*) partake of the fruit of thy redemption. Have compassion, Lord, on his (*her*) tears, and admit him (*her*) to the reconciliation with thee, who has no hope but in thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I recommend thee, dear brother, (*sister*,) to Almighty God, and leave thee to his mercy, whose creature thou art; that having paid the common debt, by surrendering thy soul, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee out of the earth. Let therefore the splendid company of angels meet thy soul at its departure; let the court of the apostles receive thee; let the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee; let the crowds of joyful confessors encompass thee; let the choir of blessed virgins

go before thee; and let a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the patriarchs; let Christ Jesus appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee place among those who are to be in his presence for ever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all that which is punished with darkness, chastised with flames, and condemned to torments. Let the wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, depart from thee: may he tremble at thy approach in the company of angels, and retire into the horrid confusion of eternal night. May thy God arise, and thy enemies be put to flight. May all who hate him, fly before his face. Let them vanish like smoke, and as wax before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God: but for the just, let them rejoice and be happy in his presence. May all the ministers of hell be filled with confusion and shame; and let no evil spirit dare to stop thee in thy way. Christ Jesus be thy deliverer, who was crucified for thee. Christ Jesus deliver thee from death, who vouchsafed to die for thee. Christ Jesus, Son of the living God, place thee in his garden of paradise, and may he, the true Shepherd, own thee for one of his flock. May he ab-

solve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the inheritance of his elect. We pray it may be thy happy lot to behold thy Redeemer face to face, to be ever in his presence, and in the vision of that truth, which is the joy of the blessed: And thus, placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be ever filled with heavenly sweetness. Amen.

Receive thy servant, O Lord, into the place of salvation, which he (*she*) hopes from thy mercy.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant from all dangers of hell, from all pain and tribulation.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias, from the common death of the world.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his afflictions.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by his father.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom, and the flames of fire.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the lion's den.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of an unmerciful king.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Susanna from her false accusers.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy

servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hands of Saul and Goliath.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And as thou deliveredst that blessed virgin and martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and bring it to the participation of thy heavenly joys.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

WE commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of this thy servant, and beseech thee, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, that as in mercy to him (*her*), thou becamest man, so now thou wouldst vouchsafe to admit him (*her*) into the number of the blessed. Remember, O Lord, he (*she*) is thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only true and living God; for there is no other God but thee, none that can work thy wonders.—Let his (*her*) soul find comfort in thy sight, and remember not his (*her*) former sins, nor any of those excesses which he (*she*) has fallen into, through

the violence of passion and corruption. For although he (*she*) has sinned, he (*she*) hath retained a true faith in thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; he (*she*) has had zeal for thy honour, and faithfully adored thee his (*her*) God, and Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins and ignorances of his (*her*) youth; but, according to thy great mercy, be mindful of him (*her*) in thy eternal glory. Let the heavens be open to him (*her*), and the angels rejoice with him (*her*). Receive, O Lord, thy servant into thy kingdom. Let the archangel, St. Michael, the chief of the heavenly host, conduct him (*her*). Let the holy angels of God meet him (*her*), and bring him (*her*) into the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May blessed Peter, the Apostle, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him (*her*). May holy Paul, the apostle, who was a vessel of election, help him (*her*). May St. John, the beloved disciple, to whom God revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for him (*her*). May all the holy apostles, to whom was given the power of binding and loosing, pray for him (*her*). May

all the blessed and chosen servants of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, pray for him (*her*). That, being delivered from this body of corruption, he (*she*) may be admitted into the kingdom of heaven, through the assistance and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

If the dying person be in his senses, the following Acts may be made.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God! you have created, redeemed, and sanctified me. You have preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. You have fed me with thy most blessed body and blood. You have shown immense patience in bearing with my repeated crimes, and often called me to repentance. For these and all other blessings bestowed upon me a most ungrateful sinner, I offer you innumerable thanks.

Act of Resignation.

O MY God, I cheerfully receive the certain summons of my death. It is a greater happiness to fulfil your

will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives. O happy news of my departure! I shall soon hear the choirs of angels sing your immortal praises. Let slow death hasten on, that dying I may no more offend you, but live with you, and love you eternally.

Act of Contrition.

I AM truly and heartily sorry for all my sins, not through the fear of hell, or hope of reward; but for the love of thee my God and only God, and were I beginning, as I am ending my life, I would not offend thee for a thousand worlds. O my God, do not despise a contrite and humble heart.

If the sick party still continue in distress of agony, it would be proper for the assistants to read again the foregoing Litany and Prayers as often as may be necessary:

The soul being now departed, the following Responsory is said.

R. Come to his (*her*) assistance all ye saints of God; meet him (*her*) all ye angels of the Lord; * Receiving his (*her*) soul: * Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. May Christ who called thee re-

ceive thee, and the angels conduct thee into the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receiving his (*her*) soul, and presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver his (*her*) soul, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

TO thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy servant N., that being dead to this world, he (*she*) may live to thee. And whatever sins he (*she*)

has committed through human frailty, we beseech thee in thy goodness, mercifully to pardon, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following Prayer for the assistants.

Grant, O Lord, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember, that we are most certainly to follow him (*her*). Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call, that so with the spouse we may enter into eternal glory, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE LITANY FOR THE DEAD.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, receive our prayers.
Lord Jesus, grant our petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, deliver the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect, accomplish the bliss of the faithful departed.

Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by the special privilege of grace, wast triumphantly assumed into the kingdom of thy Son, pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Blessed angels, who, ordering aright the first act of your will, were fixed forthwith in unchangeable happiness, pray, *&c.*

Blessed patriarchs, who were filled with joy, when the Desired of Nations put an end to your captivity, pray, *&c.*

Blessed prophets, who, after patiently awaiting the arrival of the Messiah, were at length consoled by a visit from him in person, pray, *&c.*

Blessed saints, who, at the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, were translated from Limbo to the visible presence of God, pray, *&c.*

Blessed apostles, who, at the last day, shall sit to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, pray, *&c.*

Blessed disciples of our Lord, who

followed his steps in the narrow paths of perfection, pray, *&c.*

Blessed martyrs, who passed through the sea of your own blood, entering immediately into the land of promise, pray, *&c.*

Blessed confessors, who despised the vanity of the earth, and placed your affections on the joys of heaven, pray, *&c.*

Blessed virgins, who, with your lighted lamps, awaited the coming of the heavenly spouse, pray, *&c.*

O holy saints, who, being freed from all irregular attachment to creatures, were perfectly fitted for an immediate union with your Creator, pray, *&c.*

Be merciful, O Lord, and pardon their sins.

Be merciful, O Lord, and hear their prayers.

From the shades of death, where the light of thy countenance shineth not, deliver them, O Lord.

From the evils, to which immortification in this world must expose them in the other, deliver them, O Lord.

From thy displeasure, provoked by negligence and ingratitude, deliver them, O Lord.

From the pains of purgatory, so

justly inflicted upon unexpiated sins, deliver them, O Lord.

From the torments incomparably greater than the bitterest anguish of this life, deliver them, O Lord.

By the multitude of thy mercies, ever compassionate to human frailties, deliver them, O Lord.

By the virtue of thy cross, whereon thou reconciledst the world to thy Father, deliver them, O Lord.

By thy victorious descent into hell, to break the chains of death, deliver them, O Lord.

By thy glorious resurrection from the tomb, to open the kingdom of heaven, deliver them, O Lord.

By thy triumphant ascension into heaven, to lead captivity captive, deliver them, O Lord.

By thy dread coming to judge the world, deliver them, O Lord.

We sinners, beseech thee hear us.

That it please thee to hasten the day, when thy faithful shall be delivered from the mansions of sorrow, we beseech thee hear us.

That it please thee to shorten the time of their expiation, and to admit them speedily into thy heavenly sanctuary, we beseech thee hear us.

That it please thee, through the prayers and good works performed in thy church, to receive them into thy eternal tabernacles, we beseech thee hear us.

That it please thee to accept, in atonement for their sins, the infinite value of thy unbloody sacrifice, we beseech thee hear us.

That the blessed view of Jesus may comfort them, and his unfading glory shine upon them, we beseech thee hear us.

That the whole triumphant church may soon celebrate their deliverance; and the choirs of angels sing new hymns of joy, on their never-ending happiness, we beseech thee hear us.

That we ourselves may share in their triumph, and unite with all the citizens of heaven in eternal alleluias, we beseech thee hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee hear us.

Lamb of God, who shalt come with glory to judge the living and the dead, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Lamb of God, at whose presence the heavens and the earth shall be moved, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Lamb of God, in whose book of life the names of thy elect are inscribed, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

The Antiphon.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from eternal death, in that tremendous day, when the heavens shall be moved, and the earth; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. We tremble and are sore afraid at the discussion which will take place, and at thy future wrath, when the heavens shall be moved, and the earth; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

That day is a day of wrath, of calamity, and of misery: a great and a most bitter day; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Give them, O Lord, eternal rest; and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, by means of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have ever earnestly desired; who livest and reign-

est with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.

A prayer upon the Day of a Person's Decease or Burial.

O GOD, to whom it peculiarly belongeth to have mercy always, and to spare, we humbly beseech thee in behalf of the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast this day called out of the world, that thou wouldst not deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor be unmindful of it unto the end: but command it to be received by thy holy angels, and conducted to Paradise, its true country; that as in thee it had faith and hope, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but be put in possession of never-ending felicity, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Another.

O LORD, we commend unto thy infinite clemency the souls of thy servants lately deceased: pardon them we beseech thee, in the multitude of thy mercies, the sins which they have committed through human frailty, and grant them eternal life in thy kingdom of bliss. Amen.

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER.

GLORY, honour, and praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ; may all the world adore thee: blessed be thy holy name, who for us sinners vouchsafedst to be born of an humble Virgin: and blessed be thine infinite goodness, who diedst upon the cross for our redemption.

O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of mankind, we beseech thee to have mercy on us, and so dispose our lives here by thy grace, that we may hereafter rejoice with thee for ever in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Thirty Days' Prayer to our Blessed Redeemer, in honour of his bitter Passion.

O DEAR Jesus, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, the sweet comforter of all sad, desolate and distressed souls: behold thy poor servant, humbly prostrate at the foot of thy holy cross, bewailing his misery, imploring thy mercy and beseeching thee to take pity and compassion upon him in this his present and pressing affliction, (infirmity, poverty, temptation, trouble, or whatsoever other spiritual or corporal necessity.)

Hear my prayers, O assured refuge

of all afflicted wretches! behold my tears, consider my sorrows, and remedy my distresses; for finding myself encompassed with very grievous calamities, by reason of my great crimes, I know not whither to fly for succour, or to whom I may make my moan, but to thee, my meek and merciful Saviour, with a full hope and confidence that thou, O my loving Redeemer, wilt vouchsafe to lend the ears of thy ordinary pity and accustomed clemency to the humble petition of thy poor child; and by that sweetness which thy blessed soul perceived at the time of thy alliance with our human nature, when, resolving with the Father and the Holy Ghost, to unite thy divine person to mortal flesh for man's salvation, thou didst send thy angel to thy Holy Virgin Mary, with those happy tidings, and clothing thyself with our human nature, in her chaste womb, remainedst true God and true man, for the space of nine months, in her sacred womb.

By the anguish thou enduredst when the time of thy designed passion drawing nigh, thou prayedst to thy eternal Father, that if it might stand with his most divine providence, thou desiredst that that bitter chalice might pass away

from thee! yet concluding with a most perfect act of resignation: *Not my will, O heavenly Father, but thine be done.*

By the outrageous injuries, shameful disgraces, cruel blows, contumelious blasphemies, forged witnesses, false accusations, and unjust judgments, which thou, innocent Lamb! patiently endurédst; by the shackles which fettered thy limbs, the tears which flowed from thine eyes, the blood which trickled from thy whole body; by the fears, sorrows, and sadness of thy heart; by the shame thou receivedst in being stripped of thy garments, to hang naked on the cross, in the sight of thy sorrowful Mother, and in the présence of all the people.

By thy royal head crowned with thorns, and smitten with a reed; by thy thirst quenched with vínegar and gall; by thy side opened with a spear, whence issued blood and water, to refresh our souls with that living fountain of thy love and mercy; by the sharp nails wherewith thy tender hands and feet were cruelly pierced and fastened to the cross; by the recommendation of thy departing soul to thy heavenly Father, saying, *Into thy hands I commend my spirit;* by thy praying for thy enemies, saying, *O Father forgive them, for they*

know not what they do; by thy giving up the ghost, when thou criedst out with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* and then, bowing down thy most blessed head to impart the kiss of peace, saidst, *It is consummated.*

By the great mercy thou showedst toward the penitent thief, saying, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise:* by thy descent into Limbus, and the joy thou communicatedst to the just souls therein detained; by the glory of thy triumphant resurrection, and the consoling apparition thou frequently didst make for forty days' space, to thy sacred Virgin Mother, to thy Apostles, and thy other chosen friends and servants; by thy admirable ascension, when, in the sight of thy Mother and thy Apostles, thou wast elevated into heaven; by the miraculous coming down of the Holy Ghost in the form of fiery tongues, whereby thou replenishedst the hearts of thy Disciples with thy love, and gavest them strength and courage to plant thy faith in the whole world; by the dreadful day of general judgment, on which thou art to pass sentence on all mankind.

By all those sorrows, joys, passions,

compassions, and whatsoever else is near and dear to thee in heaven and on earth, take pity on me, O compassionate Redeemer; hear my prayers; and grant me that for which I now most humbly and heartily petition thee.

[*Mention here the thing you desire; or reflect mentally upon it.*]

GIVE me, O gracious Saviour, speedy and efficacious feelings of thy divine succour and comfort, who, according to the accustomed sweetness of thy tender heart, art wont to grant the requests of them who really fear and love thee, even to their own soul's desire and satisfaction; bestow on me, also, O my blessed Lord Jesus, a constant faith, a confident hope, a perfect charity, a cordial contrition, a sincere confession, a competent satisfaction, a diligent custody of myself from future failings, a heroic contempt of the world, a complete conquest of my passions, a zealous imitation of thy exemplary life and conversation, an entire accomplishment of my vows, an absolute mortification of my self-will, a willing readiness to die for thy love and honour, a final perseverance in grace and good works, a happy departure of my soul out of this world, with my perfect

senses about me, thy holy sacraments to strengthen me; thyself, O dear Jesus, to comfort me; thy sacred Virgin Mother, with the saints, my particular patrons, to pray for me, and my good angel to conduct me to eternal rest, eternal life, eternal happiness. Amen.

THE OFFICE
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

At Matins.

V. Now let my lips sing and display,
R. The blessed Virgin's praise this day
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend
Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail Lady of the world,
Of Heaven bright Queen
Hail Virgin of virgins,
Star early seen.
Hail full of all grace,
Clear light divine;
Lady to succour us,
With speed incline.
God, from eternity,
Before all other,
Of the world thee ordain'd
To be the Mother.

By which he created
The Heavens, sea, land:
His fair spouse he chose,
Free from sin's band.

V. God hath elected and pre-elected her.
R. He hath made her dwell in his tabernacle.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, queen of heaven, and lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may, hereafter, enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God in perfect Trinity, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. O Lord hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Prime.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL Virgin most prudent,
House for God plac'd,
With the seven-fold pillar
And table grac'd.
Sav'd from contagion
Of the frail earth:
In the womb of thy parent,
Saint before birth.
Mother of the living,
Gate of Saint's merits,
The new star of Jacob,
Queen of pure spirits
To Zebulon fearful:
Armies' Array;
Be thou of Christians
Refuge and stay.

V. He hath created her in his holy spirit
R. And hath poured her out, over all his works.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord *&c. as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V Let us bless our Lord;

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

At Third.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:

R. Me strongly from my foes defend

V Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL ark of the covenant,
King Solomon's throne,
Bright rainbow of heaven,
The bush of vision.
The fleece of Gideon,
The flow'ring rod;
Sweet honey of Samson,
Closet of God.
'Twas meet Son so noble
Should save from stain,
(Wherewith Eve's children
Spotted remain.)
The maid whom for mother
He had elected,
That she might be never
With sin infected.

V. I dwell in the highest;

R. And my throne is the pillar of the clouds.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c. as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Sixth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL Mother and Virgin:
Of the Trinity
Temple; joy of Angels,
Seal of purity.
Comfort of mourners,
Garden of pleasure;
Palm-tree of patience,
Chastity's measure.
Thou land sacerdotal,
Art blessed wholly,
From sin original
Exempted solely.
The city of the highest,
Gate of the East;
Virgin's gem, in thee
All graces rest.

V. As the lily among thorns;
R. So my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c. as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.

At Ninth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL city of refuge,
King David's tower
Fenc'd with bulwark,
And armour's power.
In thy conception
Charity did flame;
The fierce dragon's pride
Was brought to shame.
Judith invincible,
Woman of arms,
Fair Abisaig, Virgin,
True David warms,
Son of fair Rachel
Did Egypt store;
Mary of the world
The Saviour bore.

V. Thou art all fair, O my beloved.
R. And original spot was never in thee.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, *&c. as before.*
V. O Lord hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Even-Song.

V O Lady, to my help intend.
R Me strongly from my foes defend.
V Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL dial, in which
  Turns retrograde,
The sun, ten degrees;
  The Word is flesh made,
That man from hell pit
  To Heaven might rise,
Th' immense above angels,
  In stable lies.
This Son did on Mary
  Betimes appear,
Made her conception
  A morning clear.

Fair lily among thorns,
That serpent frights,
Clear moon that in dark
The wanderer lights.

V. In Heaven I made a never-failing light rise,
R. And I covered all the world as a mist.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, *&c. as before.*

V. O Lord hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Compline.

V. Let thy Son, Jesus Christ, O Lady, pacified by thy prayers, convert us;
R. And turn his anger from us.
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail flourishing Virgin,
Chastity's renown;
Queen of clemency,
Whom stars do crown.
Thou pure above Angels
Dost Son behold,

Sitt'st at his right hand,
Attir'd in gold.
Mother of grace, hope
To the dismay'd:
Bright star of the sea,
In shipwreck, aid.
Grant Heaven-gate open,
That by thee blest,
We thy Son may see
In blissful rest.

V. Thy name, Mary, is oil poured out.
R. Thy servants have exceedingly loved thee.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, queen of Heaven, and lady of the world, who neither forsakest or despisest any, behold me mercifully with an eye of pity, and obtain for me of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins; that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a Virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.

V And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Commendation.

TO thee, Virgin pious
We humbly present
These hours canonica
With pure intent,
Guide pilgrims, until
With Christ we meet:
In our agony aid us,
O Virgin sweet. Amen.

This Anthem following, with the Prayer of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, is approved of by Pope Paul V. who hath granted a hundred days of indulgence to all faithful Christians, that shall devoutly recite the same.

Anthem.

THIS is the branch, in which was neither knot of original, nor bark of actual sin found.

V. In thy conception, O Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray unto the Father for us, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the immaculate con

ception of the Blessed Virgin, didst prepare a fit habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee, that, as by the foreseen death of her same Son, thou didst preserve her pure from all spot, so likewise grant, that we, by her intercession made free from sin, may attain unto thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God. world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER

To be daily said by those who carry about them an Agnus Dei.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, the true lamb, that takest away the sins of the world! by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honour, as a preservative against my own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility and innocence, which thou hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love, thou offeredst for me on the Cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odour of sweetness. Amen.

THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED NAME OF JESUS.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THOU, O Lord, wilt open my lips. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

Incline unto my aid, O God.

O Lord, hasten to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE FIRST PART.

I. *The Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—The Son of God assumes human flesh out of the pure blood of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, and is made man in her womb.

O Jesus, son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is born for our redemption His Mother remaining a Virgin.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father. &c.

III. *The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour being eight days old, begins to suffer for our sins, and his blood already flows for us. He is circumcised according to the law, as if he had been himself a sinner.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ found in the Temple.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour being twelve years old, shows himself more than mortal by his knowledge and wisdom, teaching the teachers of the Jews.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is baptized by St. John The eternal Father declares him to be his Son.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all

names, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell. Who, at the time appointed by the Eternal Wisdom, assumedst flesh in the womb of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, and thus becamedst the Son of David. Whose birth gladdened men and angels. Who began so early to suffer for us, and to shed on our account that blood that washeth away the sins of the world. Whose immortal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years. To whose baptism all heaven was attentive. Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honour and our own salvation: Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE SECOND PART

I. *Our Saviour washes his Disciples' Feet.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour, to show us an example of humility, and how much we ought to serve each other, descendeth so low as to wash the feet of his disciples, though he is the God whom heaven and earth adore.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden.*

THE Meditation. — Our Saviour knowing his passion to be now at hand, is so affected with the thoughts of it, and so oppressed with the load of our sins, that he prays to his Almighty Father, that the bitter chalice might pass away from him.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

III. *Our Saviour apprehended.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour, as if he had been no more than man, yields to the power of men, and permits himself, for our redemption, to be apprehended as if he were a malefactor.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Saviour carries his Cross.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour being torn with scourges and pierced with thorns to expiate our sins, is obliged to carry the Cross on which he is to die, and moves on, labouring with sorrow, towards the place of execution.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *The Descent of our Saviour into Hell.*

THE Meditation.—The soul of our Saviour being separated by death from the body, descends to that place where the Saints were expecting his redemption.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell, whose mysterious humiliations and sorrows appointed for thee on account of our sins, appeared in the washing of the feet of thy servants and creatures: in thy distress and prayer and bloody sweat; in thy being secured, and brought before courts as a criminal; in thy bearing the load of the cross; and in the separation of thy soul from thy body, and its descent into the regions below; grant to us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honour and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE THIRD PART.

I. *The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—The soul of our Lord Jesus Christ, which had been separated from the body, is reunited to it, by a miracle of the Almighty power, and that body which had been dead rises to die no more.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE Meditation.—The body of our Lord Jesus Christ ascends into the highest heaven, where the Saviour of mankind sits at the right hand of God, the Almighty Father.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Lord Jesus Christ sends down the Holy Ghost.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour, now seated on the right hand of God, his Almighty Father, sends down the Holy Ghost, to inspire and animate his disciples, that they may be qualified to publish to mankind his cross and his glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and Saints.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour, having by his passion, resurrection, and ascension, opened the way for the sons of Adam to heaven, which they had lost by sin, bestows on his Mother and his saints crowns of immortal glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to Judgment.*

THE Meditation.—Our Saviour will come in power and majesty, to judge the living and the dead, and to render to every one according to his works.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell: whose murdered body consigned to the grave, the Almighty raised from death, glori-

ous and immortal: Who, by thy ascension triumphedst over death, and ledst captivity captive: Who according to thy promise didst send down the Spirit that proceedeth from the Father and Thee, the Comforter and Enlivener; who, stretching forth the bounty of thy Almighty hand, didst shed upon the chosen children of Adam, that glory which neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man, and who will come forth, in power and majesty, to judge the living and the dead, before whose throne all mortals shall appear: Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honour and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God for all eternity. Amen.

*** The repetition of the above Prayers for meditation is not absolutely necessary. Those who cannot meditate on the mysteries, may say the Creed before-hand, in this Rosary, and in that of the Blessed Virgin. The works belonging to them, do not bind under any sin.

Those who are in the society of the Rosary of the names of Jesus, may have a plenary indulgence on new year's

day the same that is granted in the year of Jubilee. Also on every second Sunday in the month. At the time of being received into the society. At the article of death. And on each day of the fifteen mysteries.

THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The joyful Mysteries assigned for Mondays and Thursdays throughout the Year, the Sundays of Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Alleluia, or praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory

THE FIRST MYSTERY.—THE ANNUNCIATION.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title Full of Grace, and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Then say*, Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *ten times*.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of Virgins, by the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun; obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to know this so great benefit which he hath bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother, and thee, his own most beloved Mother, our Mother also. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.—THE VISITATION.

The Meditation

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel, that her cousin St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks for ever. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.—THE NATIVITY.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

The Prayer.

O MOST pure Mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, by which thou gavest unto the world thy Son our Saviour; we beseech thee, obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both by day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.—THE PRESENTATION.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the most blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received him into his arms.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin and admirable Mistress and Pattern of Obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple; obtain for us, of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anne, we may praise and glorify him for ever. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.—THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the fourth day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being then but twelve years old.

The Prayer.

MOST blessed Virgin, more than Martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the

comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy, wherewith thy soul was ravished in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them; obtain of him for us so to seek him and to find him in the holy Catholic church, that we may never be separated from him. Amen.

Salve Regina.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

HEAR, O merciful God, the prayers of thy servants, that we who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mother of God, may through her intercession, be

delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us. Amen.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon those mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.

The Dolorous or Sorrowful Mysteries, for Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the Year, and the Sundays in Lent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.—THE PRAYER AND BLOODY SWEAT OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR IN THE GARDEN.

The Meduation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, *&c. once;* Hail Mary, *&c. ten times.*

The Prayer.

MOST holy Virgin, more than Martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his

Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always and in all things conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.—THE SCOURGING OF JESUS AT THE PILLAR.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, overflowing Fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.—THE CROWNING OF JESUS WITH THORNS.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and

most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of our eternal Prince and King of Glory, by those sharp thorns wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and in the day of Judgment from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.—JESUS CARRYING HIS CROSS.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ [being sentenced to die] bore with great patience the Cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross, on which thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him by thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.—THE CRUCIFIXION.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the Cross, in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

The Prayer.

HOLY Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the Cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion of his most bitter passion; and thou, O most blessed Virgin, vouchsafe to negotiate for and with us the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hail holy Queen, &c. *With the verse and prayer as before.*

The Glorious Mysteries for Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year; and Sundays after Easter until Advent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.—THE RESURRECTION.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose

again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, *&c.*, *once.* Hail Mary, *ten times.*

The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only beloved Son, we beseech thee, obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.—THE ASCENSION.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, now our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in sight of his most holy Mother, and his Apostles and Disciples, to the great admiration of them all.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands, and blessed his Apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of his blessing

here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.—THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent (as he had promised) the Holy Ghost upon his Apostles, who after he ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

The Prayer.

O SACRED Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.—THE ASSUMPTION.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him. and was by

him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

The Prayer.

O MOST prudent Virgin, who entering into the heavenly palace didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of our death, that being free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.—THE CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of Heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary which (as a crown of roses) we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may

never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight Amen

Hail holy Queen. &c. *With the verse and prayer as before*

THE PRAYERS OF ST. BRIDGET.

To be said in honour of the sacred Wounds of our blessed saviour.

1. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, eternal sweetness of those who love thee; and joy, desire, and firm hope of the hopeless; solace of the sorrowful, and most merciful lover of all penitent sinners; who hast said thy delight is to be with the sons of men; for the love of whom thou didst assume human nature in the fulness of time; remember, most sweet Lord Jesus, all those sharp sorrows which did pierce thy sacred soul, from the first instant of thy incarnation, until the time of thy sorrowful passion pre-ordained from all eternity: remember, O most amiable Saviour, all that bitter anguish thou didst suffer, when at thy last supper thou didst wash the feet of thy Disciples, didst feed them with the sacred banquet of thy precious body and blood, and most sweetly comforting

them, didst foretell them thy ensuing passion; after which, going to Mount Olivet, thou saidst, *My soul is sorrowful unto death.* Remember, I beseech thee, O most sweet Saviour, that bitter grief and anguish which thy sacred soul did suffer when praying three several times to thy heavenly Father, thou didst sweat water and blood, thou wast betrayed by thy own disciple, apprehended by thy chosen people, accused by false witnesses, unjustly arraigned before three judges, and in thy chosen city, in the Paschal solemnity, in the flourishing age of thy youth, wrongfully condemned, bound, beaten, spurned, spit upon, despoiled of thy garments, and clothed with others in scorn; wast blind-folded, buffeted, spit upon again, bound naked to a pillar, most cruelly scourged, crowned with thorns, struck with a reed, and afflicted with innumerable other torments, pains, and injuries. O my Lord Jesus, by the memory and merit of all that bitter pain and anguish before thou breathedst thy last upon the cross, vouchsafe to grant me, before my death, true contrition, entire confession, a flowing fountain of tears, full satisfac-

tion and plenary remission of all my sins. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

2. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, ever-flowing Fountain of heavenly delights, remember, I beseech thee, that grief and sorrow which thou didst suffer when thy cruel enemies, like fierce lions, with furious and dreadful looks, compassing thee round about, did tear off thy hair, spit upon thy sacred face, scratch, buffet thee, and with all manner of unheard-of injuries, outrages, and torments, did most cruelly and basely blaspheme, scorn, and affront thee. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by all those most barbarous and inhuman outrages which thou didst suffer, vouchsafe to deliver me from all my enemies, visible and invisible, that, protected under the shadow of thy wings, I may safely arrive at the port of eternal glory. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, be propitious to me a sinner.

3. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent Creator and Fabricator of the world, and Repairer of mankind, who containest both heaven and earth in thy

hand, and whose immensity no bounds can limit: remember, I beseech thee, that bitter pain and anguish which thou didst endure, when the perfidious Jews pierced thy delicate and tender hands and feet with most rough and blunt nails, stretching them forth violently with cords to the holes which they had made in the Cross. Thus they heaped dolours upon dolours, most cruelly disjointing all thy bones, breaking all thy veins, and renewing all thy sacred wounds. O most sweet Jesus, by the memory of all these pains and torments on the Cross, vouchsafe to give me thy fear and love, with perfect charity towards my neighbour. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, &c.

4. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, heavenly Physician of human nature, and eternal King, remember, I beseech thee, all those bitter pains which thou didst endure in thy sacred members, who being hoisted up upon the Cross with all thy precious body rent and torn, all thy bones being so disjointed that not one remained in its right place; not having from the crown of thy head unto the soles of thy feet, any part left whole, so that no dolour could be compared to thine, at which time being

unmindful of thine own torments, thou didst mercifully pray to thy heavenly Father for thy cruel enemies, saying, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* O most meek and merciful Lord Jesus, by this thy admirable benignity, goodness, love, and mercy, and by all thy bitter pains and torments, grant that the memory of thy dolorous passion may be to me a most powerful protection of my soul and body, against all the deceits, temptations, and molestations of the devils, my cruel enemies. Amen.

O most merciful Lord Jesus, &c.

5. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, Mirror of eternal brightness, and wisdom of the omnipotent Father, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul didst feel, when beholding in the clear mirror of thy divine presence, the predestination of the elect, who through the merits of thy most wholesome passion were to be saved, and the reprobation of the wicked, who for their ingratitude were to be damned, and the abyss of thy immense mercy, by which thou didst commiserate and shed tears for us miserable, lost, forlorn sinners: and chiefly by that mercy thou didst show to the thief upon the

Cross, saying to him, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.* I beseech thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my Lord and my God, to show the like mercy to me, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, &c.

6. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent King and most amiable friend, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did suffer, when being forsaken by all thy friends and acquaintance, thou didst hang naked, rent, and torn upon the Cross, not having any to comfort or compassionate thee, but only the blessed Virgin Mary, thy Mother, who standing under the Cross, in the bitterness of her soul, accompanied thee in all thy torments, unto whom thou didst commend thy beloved disciple St. John in thy place, saying unto her, *Woman, behold thy son!* and after to that disciple, *Behold thy Mother!* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by that sword which did then transpierce her sacred soul, and by the tender love and compassion wherewith thou didst behold the sad distress of thy sorrowful Mother, have pity and compassion on me, I beseech thee, my dearest Lord and mercifully help, comfort, succour

and assist me in all my tribulations, adversities, necessities, sorrows, and sufferings, both spiritual and corporal. Amen.

O most blessed Lord Jesus, &c.

7. O MOST sweet and blessed Lord Jesus, crown of joy, treasure of felicity, sweet source of consolation, and unexhausted fountain of mercy; who, hanging on the Cross, out of the most inflamed desire thou hadst of the salvation of our souls, saidst, I thirst for the redemption of mankind. O dearest Lord, by this thy ardent charity, inflame our hearts with thy holy love, enkindle our desires to accomplish diligently all good works, and wholly extinguish in me the heat of all evil concupiscence, and worldly affections. Amen.

O most excellent Lord Jesus, &c.

8. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, the true light of those that believe in thee, suavity of our hearts, and sovereign solace of all faithful souls, by that bitter gall and vinegar thou didst taste upon the Cross at the hour of thy death, grant us, miserable sinners, grace worthily to receive at all times (and particularly at the hour of our death)

thy most precious body and blood, that by the virtue of this divine banquet, and all other salutary sacraments, we may be preserved from all evils, sins, and punishments, and, replenished with all joy, securely appear in thy divine presence. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, &c.

9. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, King of Virtues, and source of all delights, remember, I beseech thee, that excessive pain and anguish thou didst endure for us sinners on the Cross, when through the bitterness of death, and the impious blasphemies, derisions, scorns, and reproaches of the Jews, with a loud voice and weeping eyes, thou didst cry to thy heavenly Father, with this sad complaint, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this thy bitter torment, sorrow, grief, and anguish, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to have pity on me, and succour me in all my sorrows, sufferances, and tribulations, and particularly at the hour of my death: O then, my dearest Lord and my God, vouchsafe to assist and succour me, and do not forsake me, I beseech thee. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, &c.

10. O MOST sacred Lord Jesus. Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, and mirror of all virtues, remember how, from the crown of thy head to thy feet, thou wert immerged in the deluge of thy dolorous passion, for the love of us vile sinners. O my most sweet Lord Jesus, by the length, breadth, greatness, and multitude of thy most sacred wounds, take from me the love of the world; and teach me, by true and perfect charity, always to keep thy holy laws and commandments. Amen.

O most wise Lord Jesus, &c.

11. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, sovereign goodness, eternal beatitude of thy Saints, and most profound abyss of mercy! by the deep and dolorous wounds which did not only transpierce thy sacred flesh, but even thy bowels, and the marrow of thy bones, be merciful to me a sinner, who now am drowned in my sins and iniquities, and hide me in thy sacred wounds from the face of thy wrath, until thy indignation be past away and appeased. Amen.

O most potent Lord Jesus, &c.

12. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, mirror of truth, pledge of union, and bond of charity; remember the innumerable

multitude of all those painful wounds wherewith thou wast covered from head to foot; all thy holy body most cruelly rent and torn by the impious, and dyed with thy most precious blood, all which most dreadful dolours thou didst endure for us vile sinners. O most glorious Lord, engrave these thy dolours deeply in my heart, and write them there with thy precious blood, that in them I may always read thy love and dolours, so that the memory of thy painful passion may daily be renewed in me, and my love increased towards thee, and I remain perpetually thankful to thy immense charity to the last period of my life, until I come to enjoy thee my only dear Lord, and most desired treasure, abounding with all joy and felicity, which through thy goodness be pleased to grant, O most sweet Lord Jesus. Amen.

O most noble Jesus, &c.

13. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, most victorious Lion, and invincible, triumphant, and immortal King, remember, I beseech thee, all that bitter pain and anguish thou didst endure, when all the forces of thy soul and body failing, bowing down thy sacred head, thou

saidst, *It is consummated.* O dearest Lord, by those thy deadly dolours, have mercy on me at my last passage, when my heart and soul shall be in anguish and anxiety. Amen.

O most noble Lord Jesus, &c.

14. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, only begotten Son of the eternal Father, figure of his substance, splendour of his glory, remember that most earnest recommendation wherewith thou didst commend thy sacred soul to thy omnipotent Father upon the cross, saying, *Father into thy hands I commend my spirit:* at which time thou didst hang naked upon the Cross, with thy most holy body all over wounded, rent, and torn, pouring forth streams of most precious blood, with thy face pale and wan, thy head crowned with thorns, thy arms extended, thy hands nailed, thy veins broken, thy bones disjointed, thy bowels of mercy opened, thine eyes weeping and obscured, thy voice failing, thy palate thirsting, and thy whole heart broken. O my most merciful Lord, unto all those cruel pains and torments didst thou deliver thy most sacred, innocent, tender, pure and precious body, for the redemption of us most wretched, vile, and miserable

sinners, and in this manner renderedst thy sweet soul to thy celestial Father, by which most precious and innocent death of thine, and by the virtue of the holy Cross, I beseech thee, O Father of mercy, and omnipotent King of Saints, to give me grace to resist the world, the flesh, and the devil, that being dead to all terrestrial things, I may live to thee alone, and have the happiness to be received by thee at my last passage, when this miserable exile shall be ended. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, &c.

15. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, most flourishing, true, and faithful vine, remember the superabundant effusion of thy precious blood, which thou didst pour forth so plenteously from all parts of thy holy body, like a cluster of pressed grapes, when thou thyself alone didst tread the vine-press on the Cross, and out of thy pierced side didst give us water and wine to drink, not leaving so much as one drop, being then like a bundle of pure and precious myrrh: thou wast hanged on high upon the Cross, at which time the marrow of thy bones dried up, and thy most delicate and tender body wholly fainted and failed. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by

this most liberal effusion of thy precious blood, by all the sacred wounds of thy bitter passion, vouchsafe to wound my heart with that tender love wherewith the holy heart of thy most blessed Mother was wounded under the Cross, that tears of love and penance may be my bread day and night, and convert me wholly to thee, that my heart may be thy perpetual habitation, my conversation pleasing and acceptable to thy divine Majesty, and the end of my life so precious in thy sight, that having finished this mortal pilgrimage, I may be admitted into immortal glory: to praise and glorify thee, my sovereign Lord, in the sweet society of the holy angels and saints to all eternity. Amen.

DOMINICA AD VESPERAS.

V. DEUS in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorium. Amen. Alleluja.

N. B. vel,

Laus tibi Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.

Antiphona. Dixit Dominus.

Ant. Alleluja.

Psalmus 109.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: * Sedo a dexteris meis.

Donec ponam inimicos tuos: * scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: * dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus sanctorum: * ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Juravit dominus et non pænitebit eum: * Tu es Sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

VESPERS, OR EVENING SONG FOR SUNDAY.

V. O GOD, come to my assistance.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Allelujah.

N. B. or,

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The Antiphon. The Lord said.

Ant. Allelujah.

Psalm 109.

THE Lord said to my Lord: Sit on my right hand.

Until I make thy enemies the footstool of thy feet.

The Lord will send the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

Dominion shall be with thee in the day of thy power, in the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day-star I begat thee.

The Lord swore, and it shall not repent him: thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis: * confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus implebit ruinas: * conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: * propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Dixit Dominus Domino meo, Sede a dextris meis.

Ant. Fidelia.

Psalmus 110.

CONFITEBOR tibi Domine in toto corde meo: * in concilio justorum et congregatione.

Magna opera Domini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo.

Ut det illis hæreditatem Gentium: * opera manum ejus veritas et judicium.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confir-

The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrents in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand.

Ant. All his Commandments.

Psalm 110.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord: sought out according to all his wills.

His work is praise and magnificence: and his justice continueth for ever and ever.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: he hath given food to them that fear him.

He will be mindful for ever of his covenant: he will show forth to his people the power of his works.

That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

All his commandments are faithful:

mata in sæculum sæculi: * facta in veritate et equitate.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

* Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Fidelia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi.

Ant. In mandatis.

Psalmus 111.

BEATUS vir qui timet Dominum: * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: * generatio restorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis * misericors et miserator et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: * quia in æternum non commovebitur.

confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.

He hath sent redemption to his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and terrible is his name; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it: his praise continueth for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. All his commandments are faithful: confirmed for ever and ever.

Ant. In his commandments.

Psalm 111.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man that show-eth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

In memoria æterna erit justus: * ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: * cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

Peccator videbit et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: * desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. In mandatis ejus cupit nimis.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini.

Psalmus 112.

LAUDATE pueri Dominum; * laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, * laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui

The just shal. be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry, he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. In his commandments he has great delight.

Ant. Let the name of the Lord.

Psalm 112.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. from henceforth now and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who

in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem: * et de stercore erigens pauperem.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula:

Ant. Nos qui vivimus.

Psalmus 116.

LAUDATE Dominum omnes Gentes: * laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Nos qui vivimus benedicimus Domino.

Tempore Paschali.

Ant. Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Capitulum, 2 *Cor.* 1.

BENEDICTUS Deus, et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater Misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione noster.

R. Deo gratias.

dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dung-hill:

That he may place them with princes with the princes of his people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Let the name of the Lord be blessed for ever.

Ant. We that live.

Psalm 116.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. We that live bless our Lord.

In Paschal Time.

Ant. Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah.

The Little Chapter, 2 *Cor.* 1.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymnus.

LUCIS Creator optime,
Lucem dierum proferens.
Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.
Qui mane junctum vesperi,
Diem vocari præcipis,
Tetrum Chaos illabitur;
Audi preces cum fletibus.
Ne mens gravata crimine,
Vitæ sit exul munere;
Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.
Celeste pulsat ostium;
Vitale tollat præmium;
Vitemus omne noxium;
Pergemus omne pessimum.
Præsta, Pater piissime;
Patrique compar Unice;
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea.
R. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

Canticum B. Mariæ Virginis.

LUKE 1.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea Dominum:
Et exultavit spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo

The Hymn.

CREATOR of the radiant light,
  Fountain of bliss, essential sight,
Emitting splendour's orient beam,
The world's creation to proclaim.
  Who, with the morn's enliv'ning ray,
Dispell'st the shades and call'st the day;
Approaching night o'erspreads the spheres,
Now gracious hear our sighs and tears.
  Distain'd with guilt and foul offence,
Let not a sudden summons hence,
Present us at thy awful seat,
Victims of fleeting vain deceit.
  But rather while at mercy's door,
Contrite, our treasons we deplore,
Admit thy suppliants; grant us peace,
That triumph of thy saving grace.
  Eternal Father, lend thine ear;
Co-equal Son, receive our prayer:
O Holy Ghost, we cry to thee,
God! three in one eternally. Amen.
  V. Let my prayer, like incense.
  R. Ascend to thee, O Lord.

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called the Magnificat.

LUKE 1.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ; * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis; * et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Benedicamus Domino.
R. Deo Gracias.
P. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart:

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
P. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
P. May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God, rest peace. *R.* Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems according to the time

From Advent, to the Purification.

Alma Redemptoris mater, quæ pervia cœli,
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo, tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius: Gabrielis ab ore,
Sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

In Advent.

P. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ;

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

P. Oremus.

Gratiam tuam quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam per ducamur; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems according to the time

From Advent, to the Purification.

Mother of Jesus, heaven's open gate,
Star of the sea, support the falling state,
Of mortals; thou whose womb thy maker bore,
And yet, strange thing, a Virgin as before;
Who didst from Gabriel's hail, this news receive;
Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

In Advent.

P. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

P. Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After Advent.

P. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

P. Oremus.

Deus qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ Virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstitisti: tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus Auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum, nostrum, Jesum Christum, Filium, tuum.

R. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

Ave, Regina Cœlorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum,
Salve, radix, Salve, porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta;
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa;
Vale, O valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora

P. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

P. Oremus.

Concede misericors Deus, fragilitati

After Advent.

P. After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.

R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

P. Let us pray.

O God, who by the fruitful Virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son.

R. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

Hail, Mary, queen of heavenly spheres!
Hail, whom the angelic host reveres!
Hail, fruitful root, hail sacred gate!
Whence the world's light derives its date.
O glorious maid, with beauty blessed!
May joys eternal fill thy breast,
Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
Thy prayers with Christ for us employ.

P. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

R. Give me power against thy enemies.

P. Let us pray.

Grant us, O merciful God, strength

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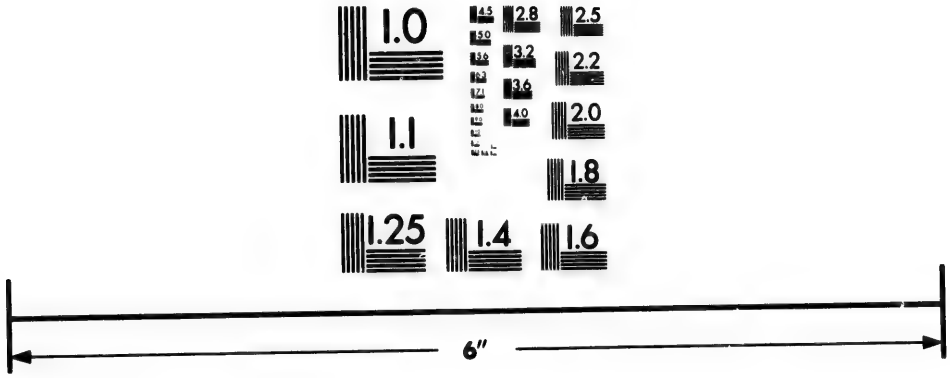

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nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

Regina cœli, lætare,
Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit,
Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum.
Alleluia.
P. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria,
Alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere,
Alleluia.
P. Oremus.

Deus qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es, præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuo capiamus gaudia vitæ; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

Salve, regina, mater misericordiæ

against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy mother of God, may by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

O Queen of heaven, rejoice,
Alleluia.
For he whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.
Is risen as he said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

P. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary; Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

P. Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech thee, that by the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

Hail, O Queen, O mother of mercy, hail our life, our comfort, and our hope.

vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum bene dictum fructum ventris tui nobis post hoc exilium ostende; O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria!

P. Ora pro nobis sancta Dei Genitrix!

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

P. Oremus.

Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ, corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto co-operante, præparasti; da, ut cujus commemoratione lætamur ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

P. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

We the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up our sighs, groaning and weeping in this vale of tears. Come, then, our advocate, and look upon us with those thy pitying eyes. And after this our banishment, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb; O merciful, O pius, O sweet Virgin Mary!

P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God?

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

P. Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son, grant, that as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

P. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT.

At the Benediction, the following Hymn is usually sung, or at least the latter part of it, beginning with, *Tantum ergo.*

HYMN.

Pange lingua gloriosi,
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium,
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.
Nobis datus, nobis natus,
Ex intacta virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi, semine;
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.
In supremæ nocte cœnæ,
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene,
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
Se dat suis manibus.
Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit:
Fitque sanguinis Christi merum
Et si sensus deficit;
Ad firmandum cordis cerum
Sola fides sufficit.

THE BENEDICTION
OF THE
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HYMN.

Sing, O my tongue, adore and praise
The depth of God's mysterious ways:
How Christ, the world's great king, bestowed
His flesh concealed in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.
Given from above, and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life began;
He lived on earth, and preach'd to sow
The seeds of heavenly truth below:
Then sealed his mission from above
With strange effects of power and love.
'Twas on that evening when the last,
And most mysterious supper past;
When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meat,
Then to the twelve himself bestow'd
With his own hands to be their food.
The word made flesh for love of man,
By his word turns bread to flesh again,
And wine to blood, unseen by sense,
By virtue of Omnipotence:
And here the faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch, and faith ensure

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur, cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque.
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

P. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis, Alleluia.
R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. Alleluia.
P. Ora pro nobis sancta Dei genitrix;
R. Ut digni afficiamur promissionibus Christi.

The Prayer.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis.

To this mysterious table now
Our knees, our hearts, and sense we bow:
Let ancient rites resign their place,
To nobler elements of grace,
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.
The God the Father born of none,
To Christ, his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost whose equal rays
From both proceed one equal praise:
One honour, jubilee, and fame,
For ever bless his glorious name.
Amen.

P. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. Alleluia.
R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.
P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God;
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy sacred body and blood, that our souls may be always sensible of the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest.

HYMNS.

CHRISTMAS.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.

Anthem.

ADESTE, fideles!
  Læti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
  Natum videte
Regem angelorum.
Venite, adoremus;
Venite, adoremus Dominum.

Deum de Deo,
  Lumen de lumine,
Gestant puellæ viscera,
  Deum verum
Genitum nòn factum.
  Venite, &c.

Cantet nunc Io!
  Chorus angelorum,
Cantet nunc aula cœlestium
    Gloria
In excelsis Deo;
    Venite, &c.

Ergo, qui natus
  Die hodierna,
Jesu tibi sit gloria.
  Patris æterni
Verbum caro factum.
  Venite, &c.

HYMNS.

CHRISTMAS.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.

The same, in English.

WITH hearts truly grateful
Come, all ye faithful,
To Jesus, to Jesus in Bethlehem.
See Christ your Saviour,
Heav'ns greatest favour.
Let's hasten to adore him,
Let's hasten to adore him,
Let's hasten to adore him,
our God and King.

God to God equal,
Light of light eternal;
Carried in virgin's ever spotless womb
He all preceded,
Begotten, not created.
Let's hasten, &c.

Angels now praise him,
Loud their voices raising;
The heavenly mansions with joy now ring,
To him who's most holy,
Be honour, praise and glory.
Let's hasten, &c.

To Jesus, this day born,
Grateful homage return;
'Tis he, who all heav'nly gifts does bring
Word increated,
To our flesh united.
Let's hasten, &c.

CHRISTMAS VESPER HYMN.

BY REV. J. HUGHES.

Depart awhile, each thought of care,
Be earthly things forgotten all
And speak, my soul, thy vesper prayer
Obedient to that sacred call,
For hark! the pealing chorus swells;
Devotion chants the hymn of praise,
And now of joy and hope it tells,
Till fainting on the ear, it says
Gloria tibi Domine,
Domine, Domine.

Thine, wondrous babe of Galilee!
Fond theme of David's harp and song,
Thine are the notes of minstrelsy—
To thee its ransomed chords belong.
And hark! again the chorus swells,
The song is wafted on the breeze,
And to the listening earth it tells—
In accents soft and sweet as these—
Gloria tibi Domine.

My heart doth feel that still He's near
To meet the soul in hours like this,
Else—why O why, that falling tear!
When all is peace and love and bliss
But hark! that pealing chorus swells
Anew, its thrilling vesper strain,
And still of joy and hope it tells,
And bids creation sing again
Gloria tibi Domine.

JERUSALEM.

For Lent.

Jerusalem, my happy home
How do I sigh for thee!
When shall my exile have an end,
Thy joys when shall I see?
Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
Jerusalem my happy home,
How I do sigh for thee?

No sun, no moon, in borrow'd light,
Revolve thine hours away;
The lamb on Calvary's mountain slain,
Is thy eternal day.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, &c.

From every eye, He wipes the tear,
All sighs and sorrows cease;
No more alternate hope or fear,
But everlasting peace.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, &c.

The thought of Thee to us is given,
Our sorrows to beguile,
To anticipate the bliss of Heaven,
In His eternal smile.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, &c.

"O FAITHFUL CROSS."

For Good Friday.

O faithful cross! O noblest tree!
In all our woods, there's none like thee;
No earthly groves, no shady bowers,
Produce such leaves, such fruit, such flowers.

Sweet are the nails and sweet the wood,
That bears a weight, so sweet, so good.

Hymn.

Sing, O my tongue, devoutly sing
The glorious laurels of our King:
Sing the triumphant victory
Gain'd on the cross erected high,
Where man's Redeemer yields his breath
And, dying, conquers hell and death.
O faithful cross, &c. *is repeated to**

With pity our Creator saw
His noblest work transgress his law,
When our first parents rashly ate
The fatal tree's forbidden meat;
He then resolved the cross's wood
Should make that tree's sad damage good
Sweet are the nails, &c. *from**.

By this wise method God design'd
From sin and death to save mankind;
Superior art with love combines,
And arts of Satan countermines:
And where the traitor gave the wound,
Their healing remedies are found.
O faithful cross, &c. *to**.

When the full time decreed above
Was come to show this work of love,
The Eternal Father sends his Son,
The world's Creator, from his throne,
Who on our earth, this vale of tears,
Clothed with a virgin's flesh appears.
Sweet are the nails, &c. *from**.

Thus God, made man, an infant lies,
And in the manger weeping cries;
His sacred limbs by Mary bound,
The poorest tatter'd rags surround;

And God's incarnate feet and hands
Are closely bound with swathing bands
O faithful cross, &c. *to* *.

Full thirty years were fully spent
In this our mortal banishment;
And then the Son of man decreed
For the lost sons of men to bleed;
And on the cross a victim laid,
The solemn expiation made.
Sweet are the nails, &c. *from* *.

Gall was his drink; his flesh they tear
With thorns and nails; a cruel spear
Pierces his side, from whence a flood
Streams forth, of water mix'd with blood;
With what a tide are wash'd again
The sinful earth, the stars, the main!
O faithful cross, &c. *to* *.

Bend, towering tree, thy branches bend,
Thy native stubbornness suspend:
Let not stiff nature use its force,
To weaker saps have now recourse;
With softest arms receive thy load,
And gently bear our dying God.
Sweet are the nails, &c. *from* *.

On thee alone the Lamb was slain,
That reconciled the world again;
And when on raging seas were tossed
The shipwreck'd world and mankind lost
Besprinkled with his sacred gore,
Thou safely broughtst them to the shore
O faithful cross, &c. *to* *.

All glory to the sacred Three
One undivided Deity:

To Father, Holy Ghost, and Son,
Be equal praise and homage done:
Let the whole universe proclaim
Of One and Three the glorious name.
Amen.
Sweet are the nails, &c. *from* *.

For Christmas.

Whilst angels to the world proclaim
The birth of Christ our King;
To magnify his sacred name,
We'll joyful anthems sing.
The watchful shepherds seized with fear
At radiant light divine;
When they the happy tidings hear
Their Allelujahs join.

Hail Bethlehem, thus dignified,
By Jesus' humble birth;
May this subdue th' ambitious pride
Of princes on the earth;
The eastern sages wealth dispense,
And to him presents bring;
Of gold, of myrrh, and frankincense
As God, as Man, and King.

O grant contending sovereigns may
Their wise example take;
And direful wars be chased away,
For Christ our Saviour's sake.
Be glory given to God on high,
And peace on earth to men;
With grace divine our souls supply,
Dear Jesus, say Amen.

EVENING HYMN TO THE VIRGIN.

Ave sanctissima,
  We lift our souls to thee,
Ora pro nobis,
  Thou bright star of the sea.
Guard us when sin is nigh,
  Snares round our path are spread,
Hear the heart's lonely sigh,
  Thine too hath bled.

Thou that hast looked on death,
  Aid us when death is near;
Whisper of heaven to faith,
  Sweet mother, sweet mother, hear
Ora pro nobis,
  From sin our slumbers keep,
Ora, Mater, Ora, Star of the deep.

Ave purissima,
  List to thy children's prayer,
Audi Maria
  And take us to thy care.
When darkness comes o'er us,
  Whilst here on earth we stay,
Thy light shine before us,
  Guide of our way.

Thou that hast looked on death,
  Aid us when death is near:
Whisper of heaven to faith,
  Sweet mother, sweet mother, hear
Ora pro nobis,
  Let angels guard our sleep,
Ora, Mater, Ora, Star of the deep.

O SALUTARIS.

O Salutaris Hostia!
Quæ Cœli pandis ostium
Bella premunt hostilia:
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

PANIS ANGELICUS.

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum

Dat panis cælicus figuris terminum:

O res mirabilis! manducat Dominum

Pauper, servus et humilis.

Te, trina Deitas unaque poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus:
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus
Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.

V. Posuit fines tuos pacem. Alleluia

R. Et adipe frumenti satiat te. Alleluia

ECCE PANIS.

Ecce panis angelorum,

Factus cibus viatorum:

O SALUTARIS.

O Saving Host, that Heaven's gate
Laid'st open at so dear a rate:
Intestine wars invade our breast;
Be thou our strength, support, and rest.
To God, the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be endless praise: may He above,
With life eternal crown our love.

PANIS ANGELICUS.

The bread of angels, bread of man is made;
The truth and substance now exclude the shade.
O strange effects of love! the sov'reign God
Becomes the poor's, the slave's, the sinners food.
O Three in One, we humbly thee implore,
To manifest thyself as we adore:
By thy own ways instruct us how to move,
To find th' abyss of light, in which thou dwell'st above.
V. He hath placed peace in the borders
Alleluia.
R. And filled thee with the fat of corn.
Alleluia.

ECCE PANIS.

Lo! then, O man! involv'd in rapture see
The bread of angels thus made meat for thee:

Vere panis filiorum,

Non mittendus canibus.

In figuris præsignatur

Cum Isaac immolatur.
Agnus Paschæ deputatur,
Datur manna patribus.

Bone Pastor, panis vere,

Jesu nostri miserere:
Tu nos pasce, nos tuere:
Tu nos bona fac videre

In terra viventium.

Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales,
Qui nos pascis hic mortales,
Tuos ibi commensales,

Cohæredes et sodales,
Fac sanctorum civium. Amen.

V. Educas panem de terra.
Alleluia.
R. Et vinum lætificat cor hominis. Alleluia.

Meat to refresh the pilgrim in his way
To the blest regions of eternal day·
A sweet viatic and divine repast,
True children's bread, to dogs not to be cast.
Wrapt up in types the Lamb long figured lay,
Till circling years the shadows drove away.
In *Isaac* 'twas in lively figure slain,
And in the Paschal Lamb it bled again;
The ancient fathers too, in manna, eat
In figure, this divine life-giving meat.
Good Pastor! thou true bread! sweet Jesus, show
Thy tend'rest mercy on thy care below:
Feed and defend us here, that we may see
Good things with those who live and reign with thee
In heav'n's blest land, for ever there to spend,
In pure celestial joys, joys ne'er to end.
O thou, all-good, all-pow'rful, and all-wise,
Who feasts us here with thy own sacrifice,
Make us sit down with thee among the blest.
At thy own table in eternal rest;
Where we, with them, thy glory may adore,
Companions and co-heirs for evermore. Amen.

V. May thou bring forth bread from earth. Alleluia.

R. And may wine give joy to the heart Alleluia.

AVE VERUM.

Ave verum corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit cum sanguine
Esto nobis prægustatum
In mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu fili Mariæ
Miserere nostri. Amen.

V. Cibavit illos ex adipe frumenti. Alleluia.
R. Et de petra melle saturavit eos. Alleluia.
V. Panem cœli dedit eis. Alleluia.
R. Panem angelorum manducabit homo. Alleluia.

Hymn for the Sundays in Lent.

AUDI BENIGNE.

Audi benigne Conditor,
Nostras preces cum fletibus,
In hoc sacro jejunio
Fusas quadragenario.
Scrutator alme cordium,
Infirma tu scis virium,
Ad te reversis exhibe
Remissionis gratiam.
Multum quidem peccavimus,
Sed parce confitentibus;

AVE VERUM.

Hail, Jesus! humbly we salute,
O' *Mary's* spotless womb the fruit;
Victim that on the cross was slain
For men, 'mid agony and pain.
There where a lance hath pierc'd its side
Out flow'd of water, blood, a tide.
Give us, in death's last struggling pain,
The virtues of thy death to gain.
O pious Jesus! Saviour meek!
Have mercy on us mortals weak,
O give us peace, eternal rest,
With God, the angels, and the bless'd

V. He fed them with the fat of wheat. Alleluia.

R. And filled them with honey out of the rock. Alleluia.

V. He gave them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Thou shalt eat the bread of Angels. Alle uia.

Hymn for the Sundays in Lent

AUDI BENIGNE.

O Gracious Lord, incline thine ears
To th' humble prayers with contrite tears.
Which in this sacred fast of *Lent*,
Are offer'd by the penitent.
Searcher of hearts, whose piercing eyes
See clearly man's infirmities;
To convert sinners grant the grace
Of pardon, and our sins efface.
Our crimes are grievous to excess,
But spare us, who our guilt confess:

Ad nominis laudem tui
Confer medelam languidis.
Concede nostrum conteri
Corpus per abstinentiam;
Culpæ ut relinquant pabulum
Jejuna corda criminum.
Præsta beata Trinitas,
Concede simplex Unitas;
Ut fructuosa sint tuis
Jejuniorum munera.
Amen.

V. Angelis suis Deus mandavit de te.

R. Ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

For Passion Sunday.

VEXILLA REGIS.

Vexilla regis prodeunt!
Fulget crucis mysterium,
Qui vita mortem pertulit,
Et morte vitam protulit.
Quæ vulnerata lanceæ
Mucrone diro, criminum,
Ut nos lavaret sordibus,
Manavit unda et sanguine.
Impleta sunt, quæ concinit
David fideli carmine,
Dicendo nationibus:
Regnavit a ligno Deus.
Arbor decora, et fulgida,
Ornata regis purpura,
Electa digno stipite
Tam sancta membra tangere.

And for thy greater praise, apply
To our sick souls a remedy.
  May saving fasts observ'd this Lent,
Become the body's punishment;
That sin may thus unfed remain,
And th' heart from guilt thereof abstain.
  Grant, O most sacred Trinity,
Grant, O most perfect Unity,
That this our solemn abstinence
May fruitful prove to mind and sense.
  Amen.
  V. God has given his angels a charge over thee.
  R. To guard thee in all thy ways.

For Passion Sunday.

VEXILLA REGIS.

Behold the royal ensigns fly,
Bearing the cross's mystery;
Where life itself did death endure,
And by that death did life procure.
  A cruel spear let out a flood
Of water mixed with saving blood;
Which gushing from our Saviour's side,
Drown'd our offences in the tide.
  The mystery we now unfold,
Which *David's* faithful verse foretold
Of our Lord's kingdom, whilst we see
God ruling nations from a tree.
  O lovely tree, whose branches wore
The royal purple of his gore;
How glorious does thy body shine,
Supporting members so divine.

Beata, cujus brachiis,
Pretium pependit sæculi,
Statera facta corporis,
Tulitque prædam tartari.
O Crux ave spes unica,
Hoc passionis tempore.

On the Finding of the Cross, *is said,*

* Paschale quæ fers gaudium.

And on the Exaltation of the Cross

* In hac triumphi gloria,
Piis adauge gratiam,
Reisque dele crimina.
Te, fons salutis Trinitas,
Collaudet omnis spiritus:
Quibus crucis victoriam
Largiris adde præmium.
Amen.
V. Eripe me, Domine, ab homine malo.
R. A viro iniquo eripe me.

The Plaint of the Blessed Virgin

STABAT MATER.

Stabat mater dolorosa
Juxta crucem lacrymosa
Dum pendebat filius.
Cujus animam gementem
Contristatam et dolentem
Pertransivit gladius.
O quam tristis et afflicta,
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti.

The world's blest balance thou wast made,
Thy happy beams its purchase weigh'd,
And bore his limbs, who snatch'd away
Devouring hell's expecting prey.
Hail, Cross, our hope! to thee we call,
Who keep this mournful festival.

On the Finding of the Cross, *is said*,

* Now in this joyful *Paschal* time

And on the Exaltation of the Cross.

* In this triumphant festival,
Grant to the just increase of grace,
And every sinner's crimes efface.
Blest Trinity, we praises sing
To Thee, from whom all graces spring;
Celestial crowns on those bestow,
Who conquer'd by the cross below.
Amen.

V. Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked man.
R. From the unjust man deliver me.

The Plaint of the Blessed Virgin

STABAT MATER.

Beneath the world's redeeming wood
The most afflicted Mother stood,
Mingling her tears with her Son's blood.
As that flow'd down from ev'ry part,
Of all his wounds she felt the smart,
What pierc'd his body pierc'd her heart.
Who can with tearless eyes look on,
When such a Mother, such a Son,
Wounded and gasping, does bemoan!

Quæ merebat, et dolebat
Et tremebat, cum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.
Quis est homo, qui non fleret,
Christi matrem si videret
In tanto supplicio?
Quis posset non contristari,
Piam matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum filio?
Pro peccatis suæ gentis
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.
Vidit suum dulcem natum
Morientem, desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.
Eia mater fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac ut tecum lugeam.
Fac ut ardeat cor meum,
In amando Christum Deum
Ut sibi complaceam.
Sancta mater istud agas
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.
Tui nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati
Pœnas mecum divide.
Fac me vere tecum flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.
Juxta crucem tecum stare
Te libenter sociare,
In planctu desidero.
Virgo virginum præclara,
Mihi jam non sis amara,
Fac me tecum plangere

O worse than *Jewish* heart, that could,
Unmov'd, behold the double flood
Of *Mary's* tears, and *Jesu's* blood.
Alas! our sins, they were not his
In this atoning sacrifice,
For which he bleeds, for which he dies.
When graves were open'd, rocks were rent
When nature and each element
His torments and their grief resent.
Shall man, the cause of all his pain
And all his grief, shall sinful man
Alone insensible remain?
Ah, pious mother, teach my heart,
Of sighs and tears the holy art,
And in thy grief to bear a part.
The sword of grief, which did pass through
Thy very soul, O may it now
Upon my heart a wound bestow.
Great Queen of Sorrows, in thy train
Let me a mourner's place obtain,
With tears to cleanse all sinful stain.
To heal the leprosy of sin,
We must the cure with tears begin,
All flesh's corrupt without their brine.
Refuge of sinners, grant that we
May tread thy steps, and let it be
Our sorrow not to grieve like thee.
O may the wounds of thy dear Son
Our contrite hearts possess alone,
And all terrene affections drown.
Those wounds, which now the stars outshine.
Those furnaces of love divine,
May they our drossy souls refine;
And on us such impressions make,

Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolere.
Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Cruce hac inebriari,
Ob amorem filii.
Inflammatus et accensus,
Per te virgo sim defensus
In die judicii.
Fac me cruce custodiri,
Morte Christi præmuniri
Confoveri gratia.
Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur
Paradisi gloria.
V. Tuam ipsius animam petran sivit gladius.
R. Ut revelentur ex multis cor dibus cogitationes.

Hymn for the Ascension.

SALUTIS HUMANÆ.

Salutis humanæ Sator,
Jesu voluptas cordium,
Orbis redempti conditor,
Et casta lux amantium.
Qua victus es clementia,
Ut nostra ferres crimina,
Mortem subires innocens
Ut morte nos ut tolleres?
Jesu tibi sit gloria.
Qui victor in cœlum redis
Cum Patre et almo Spiritu.

That we of suff'ring for his sake
May joyfully our portion take.
  Let us his proper badge put on,
Let's glory in the cross alone,
By which he marks us for his own.
  That when the dreadful trial's come,
For every man to hear his doom,
On his right hand we may find room.
  O hear us, *Mary! Jesus* hear!
Our humble pray'rs secure our fear,
When thou in judgment shalt appear.
  Now give us sorrow, give us love,
That so prepar'd, we may remove,
When call'd to seats of bliss above. *Amen.*
  V. A sword has pierced thy own soul.
  R. That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Hymn for the Ascension.

SALUTIS HUMANÆ.

O Christ, the Saviour of mankind,
The light and comfort of the mind;
Creator of this earthly frame,
Thy lover's chaste endearing flame
  What strange excess of clemency
Prevail'd so far with guiltless thee,
That thou the sinner's load shouldst bear
And die to pay his forfeiture?
  To Jesus, who ascends the sky,
Be glory for eternity:
To God the Father let's repeat
The same, and to the Paraclete. Amen.
  V. God ascended in triumph. Alleluia.
  R. And the Lord at the sound of the Trumpet. Alleluia.

THE

JESUS PSALTER.

There is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved.—*Acts* iv., 12.

This Psalter consists of fifteen petitions, and the glorious *Name of Jesus* being repeated ten times before each of them, the repetition is made thrice fifty times. It may be said either all at once, or at thrice, according to a person's devotion and leisure, as this sacred *Name* is not to be repeated hastily over, but with great reverence and devotion.

PART I.

You must begin by a devout kneeling, or bowing, at the adorable name of Jesus, *saying :—*

IN the name of *Jesus*, let every knee bow, of things in heaven, of things on earth, and of things under the earth; and let every tongue confess, that our Lord *Jesus Christ* is in the glory of God the Father. *Phil.* ii., 10.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } Have mercy on me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, have mercy on me, O God of compassion, and forgive the many and great offences I have committed in thy sight.

Many have been the follies of my life, and great are the miseries I have deserved for my ingratitude.

Have mercy on me, *dear Jesus*, for I am weak; O Lord heal me, who am unable to help myself.

Deliver me from setting my heart upon any of thy creatures, which may divert my eyes from a continual looking up to thee.

Grant me grace henceforth, for the love of thee, to hate sin; and out of a just esteem of thee, to despise all worldly vanities.

Have mercy on all sinners, *Jesus*, I beseech thee, turn their vices into virtues, and, making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name, *Jesus*.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me. *Our Father*, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

THE SECOND PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } Help me
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, help me to overcome all temptations to sin and the malice of my ghostly enemy.

Help me to spend my time in virtuous actions, and in such labors as are acceptable to thee.

To resist and repel the motions of my flesh to sloth, gluttony, and impurity.

To render my heart enamored of virtue, and inflamed with desire of thy glorious presence.

Help me to deserve and keep a good name,

by a peaceful and pious living, to thy honor, O *Jesus*, to my own comfort, and the benefit of others.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE THIRD PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } Strengthen me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, strengthen me in soul and body, to please thee in doing such works of virtue, as may bring me to thy everlasting joy and felicity.

Grant me a firm purpose, most merciful Saviour, to amend my life, and to recompense for the years past.

Those years which I have misspent to thy displeasure in vain or wicked thoughts, words, deeds, and evil customs.

Make my heart obedient to thy will, and ready for thy love, to perform all the works of mercy.

Grant me the gifts of the Holy Ghost, which, by a virtuous life, and devout frequenting of thy most holy sacraments, may at length bring me to thy heavenly kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } Comfort me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, comfort me, and give me grace to place my chief, my only joy, and felicity in thee.

Send me heavenly meditations, spiritual sweetness, and fervent desires of thy glory; ravish my soul with the contemplation of heaven, where I shall everlastingly dwell with thee.

Bring often to my remembrance thy unspeakable goodness, thy gifts, and the great kindness thou hast shown me.

And when thou bringest to my mind the sad remembrance of my sins, whereby I have so unkindly offended thee;

Comfort me with the assurance of obtaining thy grace, by the spirit of perfect repentance, which may purge away my guilt, and prepare me for thy kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE FIFTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } Make me constant.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, make me constant in faith, hope, and charity, giving me perseverance in all virtues, and a resolution never to offend thee.

Let the memory of thy passion, and of those bitter pains thou sufferedst for me, strengthen my patience, and recreate me in all tribulation and adversity.

Let me always hold fast the doctrines of thy Catholic church, and render me a diligent frequenter of all holy duties.

Let no false delight of this deceitful world blind me, no fleshly temptation, or fraud of the devil, shake my heart.

My heart, which has for ever set up its rest

in thee, and resolved to undervalue all for thy eternal reward.

Have mercy on all sinners, *Jesus*, I beseech thee; turn their vices into virtues, and making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name, *Jesus*.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me.

Our Lord Jesus Christ *humbled himself, being made obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross.* Phil. ii., 8.

Hear these my petitions, O my most merciful Saviour, and grant me grace so frequently to repeat and consider them, that they may prove easy steps, whereby my soul may ascend to the knowledge, love, and performance of my duty to thee and my neighbor, through the whole course of my life, *Amen. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.*

PART II.

Begin as before, saying:—In the name of *Jesus*, let every knee, &c.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Enlighten me with spiritual wisdom.

JESUS, enlighten me with spiritual wisdom to know thy goodness, and all those things which are most acceptable to thee.

Grant me a clear apprehension of my duty good, and discretion to order my life according to it.

Grant that I may wisely proceed from virtue to virtue, till at length I arrive at the clear vision of thy glorious Majesty.

Permit me not, dear Lord, to return to those sins for which I have been sorry, and of which I have purged myself by repentance and confession.

Grant me grace to benefit the souls of others by my good example, and to reduce those by good counsel, who misbehave towards me.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as at first Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Grant me grace to fear thee.

JESUS, grant me grace inwardly to fear thee, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee.

Let thy threats of the torments which are to fall on sinners, the fear of losing thy love and thy heavenly inheritance always keep me in awe.

Let me not dare to remain in sin, but soon return to repentance, lest through thy anger the dreadful sentence of endless death and damnation fall upon me.

Let the powerful intercession of thy blessed Mother, and all thy saints; but above all, thy own merits and mercy, O my Saviour, be ever between thy avenging justice and my poor soul.

Enable me, O my God, to work out my sal

vation with fear and trembling; and let the apprehension of thy secret judgments render me a more humble and diligent suitor to the throne of thy grace.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before.* *Our Father*, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

THE EIGHTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Grant me grace to love thee.

JESUS, grant me grace truly to love thee for thy infinite goodness, and those excessive bounties I have received, and hope for ever to receive from thee.

Let the remembrance of thy kindness and patience conquer the malice and wretched inclinations of my perverse nature.

Let the consideration of my many deliverances, thy frequent calls, and continual assistance in the ways of life, make me ashamed of my ingratitude.

And what dost thou require of me for all thy mercies, or by them, but to love thee? And why dost thou require it, but because thou art my only good?

O my dear Lord, my whole life shall be nothing but a desire of thee: and because I indeed love thee, I will most diligently keep thy commandments.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before.* *Our Father*, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

THE NINTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Grant me grace to remember my death.

JESUS, grant me grace always to remember my death, and the great account I am then to give; that so, my soul, being always well-disposed, may depart out of this world in thy grace.

Then, by the holy intercession of thy blessed Mother, and the assistance of the glorious St. *Michael*, deliver me from the enemy of my soul; and thou, my good angel, I beseech thee to help me at that most important hour.

Then, dear *Jesus*, remember thy mercy, and turn not thy most amiable face away from me, because of my offences.

Secure me against the terrors of that day, by causing me now to die daily to all earthly things, and so to have my conversation continually in heaven.

Let the remembrance of thy death teach me how to esteem my life; and the memory of thy resurrection encourage me to descend cheerfully into the grave.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before, Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE TENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Send me here my purgatory.

JESUS, send me here my purgatory, and so prevent the torments of that cleansing fire, which attends those souls in the next world, that have not been sufficiently purged in this.

Vouchsafe to grant me those merciful crosses and afflictions, which thou seest necessary for the taking off my affections from all things here below.

Since none can see thee that loves anything which is not for thy sake, suffer not my heart to find any rest here, but in sighing after thee

Too bitter, alas! will be the anguish of a soul that is separated from thee, that desires, but cannot come to thee, being clogged with the heavy chains of sin.

Here then, O my Saviour, keep me continually mortified to this world; that, being purged thoroughly with the fire of thy love, I may immediately pass hence into thy everlasting possession.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as in the fifth petition. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.*

PART III.

Begin as before, saying:—In the name of *Jesus*, let every knee, &c.

THE ELEVENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Grant me grace to avoid ill company.

JESUS, grant me grace to avoid ill company; or if I chance to come among such, I beseech thee, by the merits of thy uncorrupt conversation among sinners, preserve me from being overcome by any temptations to mortal sin.

Cause me O blessed Jesus, to remember al-

ways with dread, that thou art present, and hearest, who will take an account of all our words and actions, and wilt judge us according to them.

How dare I then converse with slanderers, liars, drunkards, or swearers; or with such whose discourse is either quarrelsome, dissolute, or vain.

Repress in me, dear *Jesus*, all inordinate affections to carnal pleasure, and to the delight of taste; grant me grace to avoid such company as would blow the fire of those unruly appetites.

Thy power defend, thy wisdom direct, thy fatherly pity chastise me, and make me live so here among men, that I may be fit for the conversation of angels hereafter.

Have mercy on all sinners, *as at first. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE TWELFTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Grant me grace to call on thee for help.

JESUS, grant me grace in all my necessities to call on thee for help, faithfully remembering thy death and resurrection for me.

Wilt thou be deaf to my cries, that wouldst lay down thy life for my ransom? or canst thou not save me, that couldst take it up again for my crown?

Whom have I in heaven but thee, O my *Jesus*, whose blessed mouth has pronounced, *Call on me in the day of thy trouble, and I will deliver thee.*

Thou art my sure rock of defence against

all sorts of enemies; thou art my ready grace, able to strengthen me to every good work.

Therefore, in all my sufferings, weaknesses, and temptations, I will confidently call on thee; hear me, O my *Jesus*, and, when thou hearest, have mercy.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father*, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

THE THIRTEENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Make me persevere in virtue.

JESUS, make me persevere in virtue and a good life, and never give over thy service, till thou bringest me to my reward in thy kingdom.

In all pious customs and holy duties, in my honest and necessary employments, continue and strengthen, O Lord, my soul and body.

Is my life anything but a pilgrimage on earth, towards the new *Jerusalem*, to which he that sits down, or turns out of the way, can never arrive?

O *Jesus*, make me always consider thy blessed example: through how much pains, and how little pleasure, thou didst press on to a bitter death; that being the way to a glorious resurrection.

Make me, O my Redeemer, seriously weigh those severe words of thine, *He only that perseveres to the end shall be saved.*

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father*, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

THE FOURTEENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Grant me grace to fix my mind on thee.

JESUS, grant me grace to fix my mind on thee, especially in time of prayer, when I directly converse with thee.

Stop the motions of my wandering head, and the desires of my unstable heart; suppress the power of my spiritual enemies, who endeavor at that time to draw my mind from heavenly thoughts, to many vain imaginations.

So shall I, with joy and gratitude, look on thee as my deliverer from all the evils I have escaped; and as my benefactor for all the good I have ever received, or can hope for.

I shall see that thou art my only good, and that all other things are but means ordained by thee, to make me fix my mind on thee, to make me love thee more and more, and by loving thee to be eternally happy.

O beloved of my soul, take up all my thoughts here, that my eyes, abstaining from all vain and hurtful sights, may become worthy to behold thee face to face in thy glory for ever.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

THE FIFTEENTH PETITION.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} Give me grace to order my life towards my eternal welfare.

JESUS, give me grace to order my life towards my eternal welfare, heartily intending, and wisely designing, all the operations of my body and soul to obtain the reward of thy infinite bliss, and eternal felicity.

For what else is this world, but a school to breed up souls, and fit them for the other; and how are they fitted, but by an eager desire of enjoying God, their only end?

Break my froward spirit, O *Jesus*, make it humble and obedient: grant me grace to depart hence with contempt of this world, and a heart filled with joy at my going to thee.

Let the memory of thy passion make me cheerfully undergo all temptations or sufferings here for thy love, whilst my soul breathes after that blissful life, and immortal glory, which thou hast prepared in heaven for thy servants.

O *Jesus*, let me frequently and attentively consider, that whatever I gain, if I lose thee, all is lost: and whatever I lose, if I gain thee, all is gained.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as in the fifth petition. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God &c.*

THE STATIONS,

OR

HOLY WAY OF THE CROSS.

THE ANTIPHON.

WE beseech thee, O Lord! to assist and direct our actions by thy powerful grace, that all our prayers and works may always begin and end with thee. Through Christ our Lord *Amen.*

A PREPARATORY ACT OF CONTRITION.

O JESUS, treasure of my soul, infinitely good, infinitely merciful, behold me prostrate at thy sacred feet! Sinner as I am, I fly to the arms of thy mercy, and implore that grace which melts and converts,— the grace of true compunction. I have offended thee, adorable Jesus! I repent, let the favor of my love equal the baseness of my ingratitude. This Way of the Cross, grant me to offer devoutly in memory of that painful journey thou hast travelled for our redemption, to the Cross of Calvary, with the holy design to reform my morals, amend my life, and gain these indulgences granted by thy vicars on earth. I apply one for my miserable soul, the rest in suffrage for the souls in purgatory, particularly N. N. [Here mention the souls for whom you intend

to apply them.] I begin this devotion under thy sacred protection, and in imitation of thy dolorous Mother. Let then this holy exercise obtain for me mercy in this life, and glory in the next. *Amen*, JESUS!

THE FIRST STATION.

Christ is sentenced to death by Pilate.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

Our gracious Redeemer, after suffering blows and blasphemies before Annas and Caiaphas, after the cruel scourging, insulting contempts and bloody crown of piercing thorns, is unjustly condemned to death. This iniquitous sentence your Jesus accepted with admirable humility. Innocence embraces condemnation to free the guilty.

Reflect that your sins were the false witnesses that condemned him; your stubborn impenitence the tyrant that extorted from Pilate the bloody sentence. Propose now seriously an amendment of life, and while you reflect on the horrid injustice of Pilate, who condemns innocence lest he should not appear a

friend of Cæsar, arraign yourself for your many sins of human respect; think how often you have offended God for fear of displeasing the eye of the world, and turning to your loving Jesus, address him rather with tears of the heart than with expressions of the tongue, in the following

PRAYER.

O MANGLED VICTIM OF MY SINS! O suffering Jesus! I have deserved those bloody scourges, that cruel sentence of death; and yet thou didst die for me, that I should live for thee. I am convinced that if I desire to please men, I cannot be thy servant. Let me then displease the world and its vain admirers. I resign myself into thy hands. Let love take possession of my heart; let my eyes behold with contempt everything that can alienate my affections from thee; let my ears be ever attentive to thy word; let me through this painful journey accompany thee, sighing and demanding mercy. Mercy, JESUS! *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

You pious Christians who do now draw near,
With relenting hearts now lend a tear,
Your Lord behold with great humility,
Sentenced to die on mount Calvary.

THE SECOND STATION

Christ takes the Cross on his shoulder

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This second Station represents the place where your most amiable Redeemer is clad in his usual attire, after his inhuman executioners had stripped him of the purple garment of derision with which he was clothed, when as a visionary king they crowned him with platted thorns. The heavy burthen of the cross is violently placed on his mangled shoulders.

Behold your gracious Saviour, though torn with wounds, covered with blood, a man of griefs, abandoned by all,—with what silent patience he bears the taunts and injuries with which the Jews insult him. He stretches out his bleeding arms, and tenderly embraces the Cross. Reflect with confusion on that sensitive pride which is fired with impatience at the very shadow of contempt,—on your discontented murmurs in your lightest afflictions, —and your obstinate resistance to the will of Heaven in the crosses of life, which are calculated to conduct you, not to a Calvary of Crucifixion, but to the joys of eternal glory: and from your heart unite in the following

PRAYER.

MEEK AND HUMBLE JESUS! my iniquity and perverseness loaded thy shoulders with the heavy burthen of the Cross. Yet I, a vile worm of the earth, O shameful ingratitude! fly even the appearance of mortification, and every thing which could check the violence of my passions; and if I suffered, it was with a murmuring reluctance. I now, O Saviour of the world! detest my past life, and by thy grace am determined no more to offend thee mortally. Let me only glory in the Cross of my Lord, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. Lay then on my stubborn neck the cross of true penance; let me, for love of thee, bear the adversities of this life, and cleave inseparably to thee in the bonds of perpetual charity. *Amen.* JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

No pity for the Lamb was to be found;
As a mock King my loving Lord they crown'd;
He bears his cross in his usual attire,
To save my soul from everlasting fire.

THE THIRD STATION.

Jesus falls the first time under the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY

This third Station represents how our Lord Jesus Christ, overwhelmed by the weight of the Cross, fainting through loss of blood, falls to the ground the first time.

Contemplate the unwearied patience of the meek Lamb, amidst the insulting blows and curses of his brutal executioners; while you, impatient in adversity and infirmity, presume to complain, nay, to insult the Majesty of Heaven, by your curses and blasphemies. Purpose here firmly to struggle against the impatient sallies of temper; and beholding your amiable Jesus prostrate under the Cross, excite in yourself a just hatred for those sins, which rendered insupportable that weight, with which your Saviour, for love of you, was burthened, and thus address your afflicted Jesus:

PRAYER.

Alas, my Jesus! the merciless violence of thy inhuman executioners, the excessive weight of the Cross, or rather the more oppressive load of my sins, bend thee to the earth. Panting for breath, exhausted as thou art, thou dost not refuse new tortures for me. Will I then refuse the light burthen of thy commandments: will I refuse to do violence to my perverse passions and sinful attachments; will I relapse into those very crimes for which I have shed false and delusive tears! O Jesus!

stretch thy holy hand to my assistance, that I may never more fall into mortal sin; that I may at the hour of death secure the important affair of my salvation. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

For want of blood he fell unto the ground,
No comfort for my lord was to be found,
For after all they forced him up again,
And scourged him on, for to augment his pain.

THE FOURTH STATION.

Jesus carrying the Cross, meets his most afflicted Mother.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

The fourth Station presents to your contemplation the meeting of the desolate Mother and her bleeding Jesus, staggreing under the weight of the Cross.

Consider what pangs rent her soul, when she beheld her beloved Jesus covered with blood dragged violently to the place of execu-

tion, reviled and blasphemed by an ungrateful outrageous rabble. Meditate on her inward feelings, the looks of silent agony exchanged between the Mother and the Son; her anguish in not being permitted to approach, to embrace, and to accompany him to death. Filled with confusion at the thought that neither the Son's pains nor Mother's grief have softened the hardness of your heart, contritely join in the following

PRAYER.

O MARY! I am the cause of thy sufferings. O refuge of sinners! let me participate in those heart-felt pangs, which rent thy tender soul, when thou didst behold thy Son trembling with cold, covered with wounds, fainting under the Cross, more dead than alive! Mournful Mother! fountain of love! let me feel the force of thy grief that I may weep with thee, and mingle my tears with thine, and thy Son's blood. O suffering Jesus! by thy bitter passion, and the heart-breaking compassion of thy afflicted Mother, grant me the efficacious grace of perseverance! Mother of Jesus, intercede for me! Jesus, behold me with an eye of pity, and in the hour of my death receive me to the arms of thy mercy! *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

Behold your Lord with perfect weakness he
Goes staggering on in his great agony,
'Till his afflicted Mother he did see,
Crying, SON, O Son! my heart does bleed for thee.

THE FIFTH STATION.

Christ assisted by Simon the Cyrenean, to carry the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

The fifth Station represents Christ fainting, destitute of strength, unable to carry the Cross. His sacrilegious executioners compel Simon the Cyrenean to carry it, not through compassionate pity to Jesus, but lest he should expire in their hands, before they could glut their vengeance by nailing him to the Cross.

Consider here the repugnance of Simon to carry the Cross after Christ; and that you with repugnance, and by compulsion, carry the Cross which Providence has placed on your shoulders. Will you spurn the love of your Jesus, who invites you to take up your Cross and follow him? Will you yet with shameless ingratitude refuse the Cross, sanctified by his suffering? Offer up devoutly the following

PRAYER.

O SUFFERING JESUS! to what excess did thy impious executioners' cruelty proceed.

Beholding thee faint under the Cross, apprehensive of thy death before they could complete their bloody intentions, they compel Simon to carry the Cross that thou mightest expire on it in the most exquisite torture. But why should I complain of the cruelty of the Jews, or the repugnance of Simon? Have I not again crucified thee by my crimes? Have I not suffered with fretful impatience the light afflictions with which thy mercy visited me? Inspire me now, my Jesus, to detest and deplore my sinful impatience, my ungrateful murmurs, and let me with all my heart cheerfully accompany thee to Mount Calvary: let me live in thee, and die in thee. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

The outrageous Jews when fainting Jesus fell
Simon to bear his Cross, they did compel;
Afflictions bear like Job most patiently,
And follow the Lamb with great humility.

THE SIXTH STATION.

Veronica presents a handkerchief to Christ.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY

The sixth Station represents the place where the pious Veronica compassionating our agonizing Redeemer, beholding his sacred face livid with blows, and covered with blood and sweat, presents a handkerchief, with which Jesus wipes his face.

Consider the heroic piety of this devout woman, who is not intimidated by the presence of the executioners, or the clamors of the Jews; and the tender acknowledgment of Jesus. Reflect here, that though you cannot personally discharge the debt of humanity to your Saviour, you can discharge it to his suffering members, the poor. Though you cannot wipe away the blood and sweat from the face of Jesus, you can wipe away the tear of wretchedness from the eye of misery. Examine, then, what returns you have made for the singular graces and favors your bountiful Jesus bestowed on you; and conscious of your ingratitude, address your injured Saviour in the following

PRAYER.

O Jesus, grant me tears to weep my ingratitude. How often have I, infatuated wretch, turned my eyes from thee and thy sufferings, to fix them on the world and its vanities! Let me henceforth be thine without division. Stamp thy image on my soul, that it may never admit another love. Take possession of my heart on earth, that my soul may take eternal possession of thee in glory. *Amen*, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us

Veronica, who when our Lord did see,
A handkerchief present to him did she,
My good Lord by looks that were divine,
Has left his countenance on the same behind

THE SEVENTH STATION.

Jesus falls under the Cross the second time.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

The seventh Station represents the gate of Jerusalem, called the gate of Judgment, at the entrance of which our Saviour through anguish and weakness falls to the ground. He is compelled by blows and blasphemies to rise.

Consider your Jesus prostrate on the earth, bruised by his fall, and ignominiously treated by an ungrateful rabble. Reflect that your self-love and pride of preference were the cause of this humiliation. Implore, then, grace to detest sincerely your haughty spirit and proud disposition. It was your reiterated sins which again pressed him to the ground. Will you then sin again, and add to the afflictions of your gracious Saviour!

PRAYER.

O MOST HOLY REDEEMER! treated with the utmost contempt, deprived of fame and honor—led out to punishment—through excess of torments, and the weakness of thy delicate and mangled body, thou didst fall a second time to the earth. What impious hand has prostrated thee? Alas, my Jesus! I am that impious, that sacrilegious offender: my ambitious pride, my haughty indignation, my contempt of others humbled thee to the earth. Banish for ever from my mind, the unhappy spirit of pride. Teach my heart the doctrine of humility, so that detesting pride, vain glory, and human respect, I may for ever be united with thee, my meek and humble Jesus. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

At Jerusalem's gate he fell once more,
To save our souls he suffered sore;
For his great mercy let us always call,
Since our vain pride has caused his great downfall.

THE EIGHTH STATION.

Christ consoles the Women of Jerusalem, who wept over him.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This station represents the place where several devout women meeting Jesus, and beholding him wounded, and bathed in his blood, shed tears of compassion over him.

Consider the excessive love of Jesus, who, though languishing and half dead through the multitude of his torments, is nevertheless attentive to console the women who wept over him. They merited that tender consolation from the mouth of Jesus, "*Weep not over me, but over yourselves and your children.*" Weep for your sins, the sources of my affliction. Yes, O my soul! I will obey my suffering Lord, and pour out tears of compunction. Nothing more eloquent than the voice of those tears which flow from the horror of our sins. Address him in the following

PRAYER.

O JESUS, ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF THE FATHER! who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, that I may day and night weep and lament my sins? I humbly beseech thee by these tears of blood thou didst shed for me, to soften my flinty bosom, that tears may plentifully flow from my eyes, and contrition rend my heart, this hardened heart, to cancel my crimes and render me secure in the day of wrath and examination, when thou wilt come to judge the living and

the dead, and demand a rigorous account of the blood. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

With tears of love the women they did weep,
Compassionating our Redeemer sweet;
Weep for your sins who caused him here to be,
O Lamb of God your mercy show to me.

THE NINTH STATION.

Jesus falls under the Cross the third time.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents the foot of Mount Calvary where Jesus Christ, quite destitute of strength, falls a third time to the ground. The anguish of his wounds is renewed.

Consider here the many injuries and blasphemous derisions thrown out against Christ, to compel him to rise and hasten to the place of execution, that his inveterate enemies might enjoy the savage satisfaction of beholding him expire on the Cross. Consider that by your

sins you daily hurry him to the place of execution. Approach him in thought to the foot of Mount Calvary, and cry out against the accursed weight of sin, that prostrated Jesus, and had long since buried thee in the flames of hell, if his mercy and the merits of his passion had not preserved thee.

PRAYER.

O CLEMENT JESUS! I return thee infinite thanks, for not permitting me, ungrateful sinner, as thou hast permitted thousands less criminal, to die in their sins. I, who have added torments to thy torments, by heaping sin on sin, kindle in my soul the fire of charity, fan it with thy continual grace into perseverance, until delivered from the body of this death, I can enjoy the liberty of the children of God and thy co-heirs. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory*, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

The third time he fell was at Mount Calvary,
Black and bruised and sorely scourged was he
O gracious Lord, you suffered all for me,
To save my soul from endless misery.

THE TENTH STATION.

Jesus is stripped of his Garments, and offered Vinegar and Gall.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents how our Lord Jesus Christ ascended Mount Calvary, and was by his inhuman executioners stript of his garments. The skin and congealed blood are torn off with them, and his wounds renewed.

Consider the confusion of the modest Lamb, exposed naked to the contempt and derision of an insulting rabble. They present him with vinegar and gall for a refreshment. Condemn here that delicacy of taste, that sensual indulgence, with which you flatter your sinful body. Pray here for the spirit of Christian mortification. Think how happy you would die, if stripped of the world and its attachments, you could expire, covered with the blood and agony of Jesus.

PRAYER.

SUFFERING JESUS! I behold thee stript of thy garments, thy old wounds renewed, and new ones added to the old. I behold thee na-

ked in the presence of thousands, exposed to the inclemency of the weather; cold, trembling from head to foot, insulted by the blasphemous derisions of the spectators. Strip, O mangled Lamb of God! my heart of the world and its deceitful affections. Divest my soul of its habits of sensual indulgence. Embitter the poisoned cup of pleasure, that I may dash it with contempt from my lips, and through Christian mortification arrive at thy never fading glory. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

How cruel it was to view my Lord indeed;
I think the Queen of angels' heart did bleed
To see her Son strip'd naked to her view,
And exposed to that sad bloody crew

THE ELEVENTH STATION.

Christ is nailed to the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents the place where Jesus Christ in the presence of his afflicted Moth-

er is stretched on the Cross, and nailed to it How insufferable the torture—the nerves and sinews are rent by the nails.

Consider the exceeding desolation, the anguish of the tender Mother, eye-witness of this inhuman punishment of her beloved Jesus Generously resolve then to crucify your criminal desires, and nail your sins to the wood of the Cross. Contemplate the suffering resignation of the Son of God to the will of his Father, while you are impatient in trifling afflictions, in trivial disappointments. Purpose henceforth to embrace your cross with ready resignation to the will of God.

PRAYE

O Patient Jesus! meek Lamb of God! who promised, "When I shall be exalted from earth I will draw all things to myself," attract my heart to thee, and nail it to the Cross. I now renounce and detest my past impatience. Let me crucify my flesh with its concupiscence and vices. Here burn, here cut, but spare me for eternity. I throw myself into the arms of thy mercy. Thy will be done in all things. Grant me resignation, grant me thy love, I desire no more. *Amen*, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory*, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

You Christian dames now join with Mary's grief;
Heaven and earth I see denies relief;
Her heart was pierced with grief to see
Her loving Jesus nailed unto a tree.

THE TWELFTH STATION.

Christ is exalted on the Cross, and dies

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents the place where Jesus Christ was publicly exalted on the Cross, between two robbers, who for their enormous crimes were executed with the innocent Lamb.

Consider here the confusion of your Saviour, exposed naked to the profane view of a blasphemous multitude. Imagine yourself at the foot of the Cross. Behold that sacred body streaming blood from every part. Contemplate the divine countenance pale and languid, the heart throbbing in the last pangs of agony, the soul on the point of separation; yet charity triumphs over his agony; his last prayers petition forgiveness for his enemies. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." His clemency is equally extended to the penitent thief: "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." He recommends in his last moments his disconsolate Mother to his beloved St. John. He recommends his soul to his heavenly Father, and bowing down his submissive obedient head, resigns his spirit. Turn your eyes on the naked bloody portrait of charity. Number his wounds. Wash them with

tears of sympathizing love. Behold the arms extended to embrace you. Love of Jesus! you die to deliver us from eternal captivity.

PRAYER.

O SUFFERING SON OF GOD! I now behold thee in the last convulsive pangs of death, – thy veins opened, thy sinews torn, thy hands and feet, O Fountain of Paradise! distilling blood. I acknowledge, charitable Jesus, that my reiterated offences have been thy merciless executioners, the cause of thy bitter sufferings and death. Yet, God of mercy, look on my sinful soul, bathe it in thy precious blood! Let me die to the vanity of the world, and renounce its false pleasures. Thou didst pray, my Jesus, for thy enemies. I forgive mine. I embrace them in the bowels of thy charity. I bury my resentment in thy wounds. Shelter me in the day of wrath in the sanctuary of thy side. Let me live, let me die in my crucified Jesus. Amen.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory*, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

Behold the streams of blood from every part,
And the sharp lance that pierc'd his sacred heart;
Exposed and naked he is stretched on high,
For our sins on the mount of Calvary

THE THIRTEENTH STATION

Christ is taken down from the Cross

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents the place where Christ's most sacred body was taken down from the Cross by Joseph and Nicodemus, and laid in the bosom of his weeping Mother.

Consider the sighs and tears of the Virgin Mother, with what pangs she embraced the bloody remains of her beloved Jesus. Here unite your tears with those of the disconsolate Mother. Reflect, that your Jesus would not descend from the Cross, until he consummated the work of redemption; and that at his departure from, as well as at his entrance into, the world, he would be placed in the bosom of his beloved Mother. Hence learn constancy in your pious resolutions! cleave to the standard of the Cross. Consider with what purity that soul should be adorned, which receives in the blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ's most sacred body and blood.

PRAYER.

At length, O Blessed Virgin! Mother of sorrow! thou art permitted to embrace thy be

loved Son. But alas! the fruit of thy immaculate womb is all over mangled, in one continued wound. Yes, O Lord! the infernal fury of the Jews has at length triumphed; yet we renew their barbarity, crucifying thee by our sins, inflicting new wounds. Most afflicted Mother of my Redeemer, I conjure thee by the pains and torments thou sufferedst in the common cause of Salvation, to obtain for me, by thy powerful intercession, pardon of my sins, and grace to weep with a sympathizing feeling, thine and thy Son's afflictions. As often as I appear at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let me embrace thee, my Jesus, in the bosom of my heart. May I worthily receive thee as the sacred pledge of my salvation. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

When from the Cross they took the holy Lamb,
His Mother cries, my son I am undone;
My child is dead, you virgins join with me,
And to lament my love's sad destiny.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION.

Christ is laid in the Holy Sepulchre.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

℟ Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

THE MYSTERY.

This Station represents Christ's Sepulchre, where his blessed body was laid with piety and devotion.

Consider the emotions of the Virgin—her eyes streaming with tears, her bosom heaving with sighs. What melancholy, what wistful looks she cast on that monument where the treasure of her soul, her Jesus, her all lay entombed. Here lament your want of contrition for your sins, and humbly adore your deceased Lord, who, poor even in death, is buried in another's tomb. Blush at your dependence on the world, and the eager solicitude with which you labor to grasp its perishable advantages. Despise henceforth the world, lest you perish with it.

PRAYER.

CHARITABLE JESUS, for my salvation thou performedst the painful journey of the Cross. Let me press the footsteps marked by thee, gracious Redeemer—the paths which, through the thorns of life, conduct to the heavenly Jerusalem. Would that thou wert entombed in my heart, that being united to thee, I might rise to a new life of grace, and persevere to the end. Grant me in my last moments, to receive thy precious Body, as the pledge of immortal life. Let my last words be JESUS and MARY ny last breath be united to thy last breath or

the Cross; that with a lively faith, a firm hope, and ardent love, I may die with thee and for thee; that I may reign with thee for ever and ever. *Amen*, JESUS.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory*, &c.

JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED, HAVE MERCY ON US!

You pious Christians raise your voices, raise,
And join with me to sing your Saviour's praise
Who died for us and spilt his blood most free,
To save our souls from endless misery.

THE CONCLUSION.

COMPASSIONATE JESUS! behold with eyes of mercy this devotion I have endeavored to perform, in honor of thy bitter passion and death, in order to obtain remission of my sins, and the pains incurred by them. Accept of it for the salvation of the living and the eternal repose of the faithful departed, particularly for those for whom I directed it. Do not, my Jesus, suffer the ineffable price of thy blood to be fruitless, nor my miserable soul, ransomed by it, to perish. The voice of thy blood is louder for mercy, than my crimes for vengeance. Have mercy then, O Lord! have mercy, and spare me for thy mercy's sake! *Amen*, JESUS.

LITANIES

OF THE HOLY CROSS.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have, &c.
God the Holy Ghost, have, &c.
Holy Trinity, one God, have, &c.
Sacred Cross ✝ will of the Father,
Sacred Cross ✝ desire of Christ,
Sacred Cross ✝ communication of the Holy Ghost,
Sacred Cross ✝ power and wisdom of God,
Sacred Cross ✝ mercy and justice,
Sacred Cross ✝ full of the blessings of our Lord,
Sacred Cross ladder seen by Jacob,
Sacred Cross more healing than the brazen serpent,
Sacred Cross key of the kingdom of heaven,
Sacred Cross gate of Paradise,
Sacred Cross messenger of peace,
Sacred Cross light of the whole world,
Sacred Cross the end of sacrifices,
Sacred Cross abolisher of the old law,

We venerate thee.

Sacred Cross canceller of types and figures,
Sacred Cross ark of the New Testament,
Sacred Cross + more precious than all riches,
Sacred Cross memorial of the Passion of Christ,
Sacred Cross complaint of Mary,
Sacred Cross most holy altar,
Sacred Cross + sacrifice of justice,
Sacred Cross memorial of the death of our Lord,
Sacred Cross instrument of our redemption,
Sacred Cross vanquisher of demons,
Sacred Cross monument of victory,
Sacred Cross chariot of the Conqueror,
Sacred Cross the destruction of idols,
Sacred Cross the repairer of divine glory,
Sacred Cross + foundation of the Church,
Sacred Cross + buckler of faith,
Sacred Cross + the usher of a better hope,
Sacred Cross + delight of the world,
Sacred Cross + attractor of all things to Christ,
Sacred Cross reconciliation of sinners,
Sacred Cross + our righteousness and sanctification,
Sacred Cross ornament of Bishops,
Sacred Cross splendor of Kings,
Sacred Cross sceptre of kingdoms,
Sacred Cross Conqueror of its opponents,
Sacred Cross defender of cities,
Sacred Cross protector of families,
Sacred Cross indissoluble bond of wedlock
Sacred Cross armor of widows,
Sacred Cross guardian of orphans,
Sacred Cross continence of virgins,
Sacred Cross meditation of Recluses,
Sacred Cross portion of the Clergy,

We venerate thee.

Sacred Cross glory of the Priesthood,
Sacred Cross ✠ model of Pastors,
Sacred Cross ✠ who teachest us all truth,
Sacred Cross the Book written within and without,
Sacred Cross the eternal Gospel,
Sacred Cross governess of infants,
Sacred Cross instructor of youth,
Sacred Cross staff of old age,
Sacred Cross ✠ companion of our pilgrimage,
Sacred Cross the seaman's pilot,
Sacred Cross rest of those that labor,
Sacred Cross preserver of those that sleep,
Sacred Cross healer of infirmities,
Sacred Cross worker of miracles,
Sacred Cross hope of the despairing,
Sacred Cross ✠ light of those that sit in darkness,
Sacred Cross ✠ our place of refuge,
Sacred Cross ✠ our strong comfort,
Sacred Cross ✠ our help in trouble,
Sacred Cross mirror of penitents,
Sacred Cross reconciler of enemies,
Sacred Cross a folly to the Gentiles,
Sacred Cross perfection of wisdom,
Sacred Cross ✠ a scandal to the Jews,
Sacred Cross ✠ mystery of faith,
Sacred Cross scourge of heretics,
Sacred Cross hope of Catholics,
Sacred Cross terror of schismatics,
Sacred Cross ✠ bond of charity,
Sacred Cross dread of hell,
Sacred Cross ✠ mark of the elect,
Sacred Cross formidable to tyrants,
Sacred Cross lovely to us,
Sacred Cross chastiser of the wicked,
Sacred Cross preserver of the just,

We venerate thee.

Sacred Cross destroyer of the proud,
Sacred Cross exalter of the humble,
Sacred Cross bridle of the rich,
Sacred Cross wealth of the poor,
Sacred Cross extirpator of vice.
Sacred Cross source of virtue,
Sacred Cross appeaser of lust,
Sacred Cross exciter of chastity,
Sacred Cross ✝ leaving us an example
Sacred Cross ✝ prudence of spirit,
Sacred Cross infuser of humility,
Sacred Cross figure of abstinence,
Sacred Cross ✝ test of our faith,
Sacred Cross ✝ bearing fruit in patience
Sacred Cross ✝ rule of obedience,
Sacred Cross ✝ inflamer of zeal,
Sacred Cross ✝ iuciter of fervor,
Sacred Cross ✝ joy of the Holy Ghost,
Sacred Cross seal of holiness,
Sacred Cross ✝ pledge of our inheritance,
Sacred Cross strength of the agonizing,
Sacred Cross ✝ help of the dying,
Sacred Cross ✝ fountain of all grace,
Sacred Cross the death of death,
Sacred Cross the tree of life,
Sacred Cross sign of the Son of man.
Sacred Cross ✝ by which the world will be judged,
Sacred Cross ✝ the judge of justice,
Sacred Cross ✝ cause of our eternal salvation,
Sacred Cross desired object of angels,
Sacred Cross elevation of the Patriarchs,
Sacred Cross foretold by the Prophets,
Sacred Cross ✝ announced by the Apostles,
Sacred Cross proclaimed by the Evangelists,
Sacred Cross ✝ glory of Martyrs,
Sacred Cross bright lamp of Doctors,

We venerate thee.

We venerate thee.

Sacred Cross ✠ narrow way of Confessors,
Sacred Cross ✠ delight of Virgins,
Sacred Cross ✠ strength of holy women,
Sacred Cross ✠ veneration of all saints,
Lamb of God, &c. Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, &c. Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, &c. Have mercy upon us.
Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

V. Blessed be the wood of the Cross.
R. On which justice was made.

WISD. VII.

V. With the Lord there is mercy.
R. And with him plentiful redemption.

PS. CXXIX.

PRAYER.

O God, who hast vouchsafed to consecrate the standard of the life-giving Cross with the precious blood of thy only begotten Son: grant, we beseech thee, that those who honor it with joy, may always rejoice under thy protection.

Preserve us, we beseech thee, O Lord, in everlasting peace, whom thou hast vouchsafed to redeem on the holy wood of the cross. Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

Christ is all, and in all.

COLOSS. III.